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**December 9, 2025
Council Meeting
6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Mayor Barry Whitley
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn
Councilperson Deborah Williams
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins
Councilperson Glenn Harris – Absent (Surgery)

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Councilperson Deborah Williams

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Mayor Whitley stated that an amendment to the agenda was needed to reflect SPLOST Fund payments. This payment will be for engineering fees. A motion to approve the amendment to the agenda and add SPLOST Fund Payments was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and was seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent)*

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of November 13th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes:

A motion was made to approve November 13th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the Work Session Meeting Minutes by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Glenn Harris was absent)*



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NEW BUSINESS:

Trailer Park Moratorium: Attorney Jack Nichols reminded everyone that this is the second reading of the moratorium. This moratorium is necessary to address concerns with the trailer parks in Butler and how they are being maintained. The moratorium will prevent permitting any new trailer parks and/or any new/additional trailers being brought into the existing trailer parks for 180 days (six months) to give the council and staff time to revamp the existing ordinance or create a new one to address the issues the city has with the Manufactured Home Subdivision Ordinance. The idea is to have this done by the end of the six months but if not, then the council can extend the moratorium as needed. Mr. Nichols said that it may even be that the Council could decide not to even have trailer parks within the city. He recommended some work sessions in the future to discuss this. It was also noted that some of the mobile homes currently are in bad shape, and the roads to access them are terrible. A code enforcement officer is needed to be able to enforce the changes that the council plans to make so that any future issues are caught and addressed quickly. Mr. Nichols asked the council to send Ms. Wainwright their suggestions or thoughts regarding any changes to the Manufactured Homes Subdivisions, and he would start putting things together.

A motion was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins to adopt the Moratorium of 180 days related to land use and development involving Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Home Subdivisions and was seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Glenn Harris was absent)*

LMIG Resurfacing Project Bid Approval: Public Works Director David Windham said that on Friday, November 21st the City had a bid opening for the 2025 LMIG project and Reames & Sons had the low bid at \$95,328.20. This project includes striping and resurfacing with centerline and stop bars on Kings Lane, Marshall Street and a portion of Sandy Run from Marshall to the curb. Councilperson Jacob Hopkins asked if he needed to abstain since he has family property on Kings Lane. Mr. Windham stated that these roadways are necessary due to the roadway being cut and repaired from infrastructure improvements. A motion to accept the low bid from Reames and Sons was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Glenn Harris was absent due to back surgery)*



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Lead Service Line Equipment Bid Approval: Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that with the Lead Service Line Project the City is eligible to have 50% of certain types of equipment funded through the grant, so the City had an RFP out on a mini-excavator and a compact loader. The bid opening for the equipment was held on December 4th. He said that Tidewater out of Byron was the low bidder on the mini excavator at \$66,500.00, and the low bid on the Compact Loader was \$40,514.60 from Perry Brothers. He said that he prefers to have both pieces of equipment from one vendor so after speaking with Tidewater they have quoted \$40,500 for a compact loader, which is \$14.60 under the bid from Perry Brothers. He asked for a motion to move forward with purchasing both pieces of equipment from Tidewater. He said that the city will be getting \$107,000 worth of equipment for approximately \$53,500. The City's portion would be paid out of TSPLOST funds, and the rest will be paid for with the grant. A motion to purchase a mini-ex and a compact loader from Tidewater was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Glenn Harris was absent)*

SPLOST FUNDS: Public Works Director David Windham stated that he needed approval to pay engineering fees for the downtown sidewalk project. He would be using \$88,517.15 from the 2017 Street SPLOST, \$33,589.05 from 2017 Water/Sewer SPLOST, and \$34,834.30 from 2024 Water/Sewer SPLOST, totaling \$156,949.50. A motion to approve paying the engineering fees from SPLOST funds was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Glenn Harris was absent)*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham said that the city's annual Christmas Tree Lighting event was a success even though the weather was messy. He said he appreciated everyone coming out and giving the children a chance to see Santa and the lights.

He also said that the sidewalk project is about 95% complete. Some handrails are still waiting to be installed and there will be some resealing and striping, which may not happen until after the beginning of the year. He said that some of the curbing and brick were cut from the overall project to ensure that the inner square area was completed. The Streetscape project was



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\$1,952,950. The cost of the lighting and the relocation of power and tele-communication lines were not included in the cost of the project, and the city did some of the work involved with that relocation to help lower those costs as much as possible. He said that it has been a pleasure to work with the County on this project and is thankful for their contributing funds to the project as well.

The water-main project is moving along in the area of West Main Street. The Lead Service Line project is more than 50% complete. The city will be sending out letters to the residents once again where they have not been able to identify what type of material the pipes are on either side of the meter. He is hopeful that that will be done by the end of January 2026.

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th, and Friday, December 26th for the Christmas Holidays. Garbage pickup for that week will be done on Saturday, December 27th. The Office will also be closed on Thursday, January 1st for New Years Day and the garbage will be picked up on Saturday, January 3rd.

The large dumpsters that are put out every year for holiday garbage overflow will be put out the week of Christmas at the usual locations. Those locations are around the Venus Street/ Hwy 19 North area, the Railroad Street/Martin Luther King area, and Tower/Cedar Street area.

Police Chief Matthew Woodard informed the Mayor and Council that the department's activity log is included in their packet.

Chief Woodard said that the Butler Police Department has three cadets graduating from Mandate the week of the 15th. There are two cadets graduating from South Georgia Tech on the 15th and one cadet from GPSTC on the 19th. They will begin a three-month FTO program the following week. He said he would introduce them during January's council meeting.



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Butler Fire Department: Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox said that the Butler Fire Department ran twenty-three calls in November. Those calls were one welfare check, one traffic accident with entrapment, five traffic accidents with injuries, one road-block obstruction, five structure fires, one dumpster fire, one vehicle fire, one large-vehicle fire, two wildland fires, two fire alarm calls, one gas odor call, one smoke in the area call, and one wires down call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sonny Edwards: Mr. Edwards passed out photos that he had taken of the sidewalk project in various areas and also of the area in front of his building, which is currently rented to Amedysis Home Health Care. He stated that he did not realize until his son spoke with Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn that the project did not extend down in front of that building. He said he has some very disappointed people who work in that building. He wants to know why the city stopped before reaching his building. Why did the city not go all the way down to the end of the street with the curb and gutter and bricks? He said the employees are dissatisfied and we need to keep all the businesses in Butler as we can. The city is dying and there are many vacant buildings in town. He feels that the brick sidewalk should be in front of that building to keep the employees satisfied. He thinks more money is being spent on the buildings owned by the county, which are tax exempt, while he does pay taxes on his buildings.

Mr. Windham stated that he is going to remind him what was said when Mr. Edwards came to his office a couple of weeks back. He showed Mr. Edwards the original drawing of the project and told Mr. Edwards that the city held two town hall meetings to discuss the scope of the project, which was advertised in the newspaper and on social media. He stated that he had also hand-delivered a letter to inform the staff at Amedysis of the meetings. Mr. Windham stated that like any project there is a start and end point. This particular project has been in the works for many years before it became a reality. No building was intentionally cut from the project, but the funds only go so far. He stated that once the project is complete he would see what funds, if any, are left and see if anything could be done there. He said if sidewalks are placed in front of this building, as there are none currently, that the building would lose parking spaces. He also stated that he would love to have seen the project go all the way down to the end in other areas also, but the money simply is not there. Mr. Edwards stated that he can tell right now that there



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will not be any funds left over the way they are placing pavers down in front of the county government buildings. Mr. Windham said that area was part of the original plan that was bid. The Mayor and Council told Mr. Windham that if there are any funds left over to look in to doing some type of work to help out in front of the Amedysis building. Windham stated that they would have to wait and see how it looks at project end, but if there is an addition it would require a process that would include engineering costs, GDOT approval, and construction costs, etc.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.
(Councilman Glenn Harris was absent due to back surgery)

***A short Work Session will follow Council Meeting.*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

