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February 10th, 2026 Council Meeting @6:00 PM Council Chambers

PRESENT

Mayor Barry Whitley
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers - ABSENT
Councilperson Glenn Harris
Councilperson Deborah Williams

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the January 13th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the January 13th Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The votes to approve were made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and Councilpersons Glenn Harris and Jacob Hopkins. Councilperson Williams abstained from the vote. *(Councilperson Rodrick Flowers was absent)*

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Board Appointment:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Council that the Library Board appointment recently held by Amy Lowe is vacant and the City needs to appoint a new board member to fill the rest of the term. She recommends appointing Tina Cox to fill the term, which will expire on June 30, 2029. A motion to appoint Tina Cox to the Library Board was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Rodrick Flowers was absent)*



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Garbage:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that he would like approval from the Council to enter a three-year contract with 121 Disposal to take over the City of Butler's sanitation service. He said that he has been wanting to move away from the current provider for a while. The current bid quoted by 121 Disposal is \$19.07 a cart, which is comparable with what the city currently pays Waste Innovations. There is the possibility that the quote may go lower if they can acquire another community nearby. The current contract will end on May 31, 2026, and the City is required to give them 90-day notice. 121 Disposal will deliver and pick up all carts as needed and will provide a dedicated phone number which the city can put in the phone tree, where citizens can call and speak directly with the staff at 121 disposal. This will remove the staff at City Hall from being the middleman, and the City of Butler would only do the billing and receiving of the garbage fees. The carts will all have a barcode on them and the truck would "read" that code, connecting the cart to that residence. This will eliminate stolen carts, as well as keeping a record of when the cart was picked up. The trucks will also be equipped with cameras.

Councilperson Jacob Hopkins stated that he felt good about the change if they (121 Disposal) agree to lock the rate in for three years and to put that in writing. The Clerk said she would make sure that is the case.

A motion to move forward with 121 Disposal for garbage services pending a three-year contract was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson Rodrick Flowers was absent)

SPLOST PURCHASE:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that he had gotten verbal approval a few weeks back to rent four generators to keep the wells going when the potential for an ice storm was very high. He stated that if he hadn't gone ahead and done this, the chance of Butler finding a large generator during the event was almost zero. He proceeded to get four large generators in the range from 100 to 150 kw, and had them wired up and ready to go. He asked for \$11,000 from Water/Sewer SPLOST to cover the cost of this. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to pay for the generators out of



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water/sewer SPLOST and was seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson Rodrick Flowers was absent)

The Council said they appreciated the staff's efforts to prepare for the storm.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief of Police Matthew Woodard stated that the stats for last month are in the Council Packet. He was asked about the FLOCK cameras. He informed the Mayor and Council that currently there are four up and in working order. Delays in the permitting process from DOT have held up the other four from being installed, and FLOCK has notified the city that a credit would be issued.

Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox informed the Council that the Butler Fire Department ran fifteen calls in January. Those calls were six traffic accidents with injuries, one dumpster fire, four wildland fires, one trouble unknown and three fire alarm calls.

He said that a Propane Burn Training will take place on the evening of Saturday, February 21st.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Rodrick Flowers was absent)*

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ATTEST



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