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March 10th, 2026
Variance Hearing : 5:45 PM
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of February 10th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the February 10th Regular Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

April Council Meeting Rescheduled:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Council that she will be attending GICH training in Tifton the week of the regularly scheduled council meeting in April and asked them to approve a schedule change for the April meeting. She requested that the meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 PM. A motion to approve that the April meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, April 21st was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and was seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.



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Variance Request - 10 Caroline Street:

Planning and Zoning Administrator Ashley Lawhorn came before the Mayor and Council to ask for approval to issue a variance for 10 Caroline Street. The variance request has run in the local newspaper, and a public hearing was held immediately prior to this meeting, with no public opposition. The owner of the property has plans to move a single wide mobile home out and bring in a double-wide mobile home to replace it. A motion to approve the variance request was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous, with all voting Yes except Councilperson Rodrick Flowers, who abstained from the vote.

Brightly Software -SPLOST purchase:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that the City's current workorder software Mobile 311 with Facility Dude is no longer in operation as of the end of February. The City has looked into two different work order software programs to replace it and have decided that the best fit is to go with Asset Essentials through Brightly. He would like approval to pay for the first-year cost that includes implementation with Water/Sewer SPLOST funds in the amount of \$9126.20. The annual cost thereafter will be paid from the Water/Sewer budget. A motion to allow this purchase from SPLOST funds was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and seconded by Councilperson Rod Flowers. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham stated that all work around town is progressing right along. He also stated that the final walk through with the punch list on the downtown sidewalk project will be done on Wednesday, March 11th. Councilperson Jacob Hopkin asked about some spots on the bricked areas that may be uneven, if those places could be marked with paint or something to bring attention to the uneven areas. Mr. Windham said that he would make a note of that.



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Mr. Windham stated that on March 16th, the office at City Hall will have a late opening due to Open Enrollment for Insurance for the Staff along with a staff meeting. The office should be open by 10:00 AM. He also said that Saturday, March 21st is opening day of ball at the Recreation Department and Saturday, March 28th is the Taylor County Sheriff's Department Easter Egg hunt at the Taylor County Recreation Department at 9:00 AM. He reminded them that City Hall offices will be closed on Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday.

Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox informed the Council that the Butler Fire Department ran twenty-five calls in February. Those calls were one traffic accident with no injuries, five traffic accidents with injuries, two structure fires, thirteen wildland fires, one trouble unknown, one fire alarm call, one chest pain call, and one off-road accident.

The Clerk shared with the Mayor and Council that there is a good possibility that Chief Woodard may be deployed beginning April 1st through September 30th. She said that while he does not currently have any orders yet, he is expecting them, and she wanted everyone to be aware of the situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Whitley announced that if there is no other business to discuss, the Council has a property issue that needs to be discussed in an Executive Session. A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and was seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The motion was unanimous.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-Tem Austin E. Guinn

ATTEST



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