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June 9, 2026
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Council Member Deborah Williams gave the invocation.

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the May 12th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes: A motion to approve the May 12th Regular meeting and work session minutes was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimously approved.

****Councilperson Jacob Hopkins said that in the work session minutes it was reflected as him saying that the City should increase MF&H's bill 25% the first year and then increase it by 15% over the next three years. He said that his intent was to say to increase MF&H's bill by about 15% over three years to reach the recommended 50% increase from the financial analysis completed by the engineers. It was noted that the comment was made in a work session and that no vote was made on this recommendation, but that his concern regarding this was noted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendment to Manufactured Mobile Home Ordinance, 1st Reading: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright stated that this is the first reading for the amendment to the Manufactured Mobile Home Ordinance. She said that this amendment will eliminate the manufactured mobile home zones. The zoning would then change to what most of the zoning area is in that particular area, such as single family residential. Any existing mobile homes located in what



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would be formally known as a manufactured mobile home zone would be considered as non-conforming moving forward. Those mobile homes would not be eliminated but will have to meet the standards set forth in the zoning ordinance. They will have to meet the city's standards to ensure that they are up to code. If they are not brought up to code they will have to be removed and can only be replaced with a brand-new mobile home. It was noted that this only applies to manufactured mobile homes parks, not a residential single-family home. She said that the manufactured mobile home subdivision will be fully eliminated but the existing homes can stay as long as they are up to code. Councilman Jacob Hopkins said as an example, if a tornado came through and destroys the current mobile home(s), it can only be replaced with a brand-new mobile home or not at all. She said that the city plans to work with the Taylor County Code Enforcement Officer to ensure the mobile homes and mobile home park area are up to code and meet the requirements of the city. Citations will be issued if the requirements are not met. It was also noted that the zoning requirements also cover how the roads/streets in the mobile home park are to be maintained, as well as lot size and specs, vegetation, etc. It was stated that this feels like the right direction to move toward to make sure the residents of these mobile home parks have decent places to live as well as making the area look nice and will eliminate some of the blighted areas in the city. The Council asked if the owners of the mobile home parks are aware of the amendment. Ms. Wainwright stated that she knows that they are aware that the council has been reviewing the ordinance to amend it, and that there is a moratorium on them currently.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox said that the Butler Fire Department ran 18 calls last month. The calls were one person shot, one traffic accident with entrapment, eight traffic accidents with injuries, four structure fires, one vehicle fire, one fire alarm call, one stroke/CVA call, and one call regarding smoke in the area. He said that the new fire truck has arrived and is a nice asset for the city and county. It is currently being equipped and will be a couple of weeks before it can be put into service. It was also mentioned that the truck is a cab-over and so there will be some additional training on the operation of that vehicle.



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Public Works Director David Windham informed the Council that there will be a work session on Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 PM with Carter and Sloope. June 19th will be observed by the city for the Juneteenth holiday and city offices will be closed on that day. He also said that the city offices will be closed on July 3rd in observance of the July 4th holiday.

He said that he assumes all is going well with the new garbage collection company. There are some bugs to be worked out as there always are when a transition is made. The old carts have not all been picked up, but that falls under GFL and they are working on it. He said that citizens should only be using the gray 121 Disposal carts now. Ms. Wainwright added that 121 Disposal has been very good with their communication so far and stated that a direct line to contact 121 Disposal has been added to the City of Butler's call tree so that citizens can call city hall and press 2 to be in direct contact with 121 Disposal for their garbage issues.

Mr. Windham said that the water project is moving along and have completed Hwy 137 and Georgia Road areas. There is still a section along Ridge Street that must be done. The bore underneath the railroad has been completed as well. There are still quite a few major tie-ins to do and most of those will hopefully be scheduled after hours or at night to not disrupt things too much. There will be some outages that cannot be avoided. He said that all areas that have been disturbed will be fixed by the end of the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that the city along with the TC Board of Commissioners and the City of Reynolds, has placed a notice in the newspaper this week announcing that it is the city's intent to move forward with the LHOST (Local Homestead Option Sales Tax). He said that from what he understands, the city does not currently offer a homestead exemption but will be forced to have one in the future to help eliminate some of the property tax burden. The notice was placed in the paper so that they can be considered for legislature during the special session called by Governor Kemp for a local referendum to be placed on the ballot in November calling for an extra penny sales tax to be implemented for the LHOST. The funds collected by LHOST will be used to decrease the homestead property's taxes. The amount of the decrease will be determined by the amount collected through the LHOST each year. From our understanding, the county will receive the funds and place them in a trust and disburse them.



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He stated that there are still a lot of unknowns with this, such as will the funds be disbursed through a percentage or just how the portions are determined. The information also states that any excess in funds would be used to reduce further property taxes, but it is unknown how the cities would know if there are excess funds or the amount of the excess funds. The information does state that participating counties and cities would receive dollar for dollar replacement of the property tax revenue loss due to homestead exemption through LHOST. It was also noted that the school taxes will not be impacted or included in this.

Vicki Wainwright informed the Council that a notice for a Call for Special Election and the Qualifying fees have been placed in the newspaper for the election for the vacant seat of Mayor and Council Post 3, At Large. Qualifying will be August 17th through 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Interim Mayor Guinn stated that as there is no further business to discuss, the Council needs to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

Regular Session (continued):

Councilperson Jacob Hopkins made a motion to adopt the pay schedule that has been submitted by Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn and City Administrator Vicki Wainwright. A second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous.



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ADJOURN

With no other business on the regular agenda, it was noted that a work session will immediately follow the adjournment of the regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-Tem Austin E. Guinn

ATTEST

