

Council Meeting February 14, 2017

Present

Mayor Barry Whitley
Ed Guinn
Deborah Williams
Amanzie Jenkins
Glenn Harris
Chas Gassett
Vicki Wainwright
Joel Sherlock

Media Present

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Invocation – Councilman Chas Gassett

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams, seconded by Councilman Chas Gassett to approve the minutes of the January 10th Regular Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

GEFA Wastewater Treatment Plant Bid:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that on January 20th the City of Butler held the bid opening for the Waste Water Treatment Plant GEFA project. Three bids were received. The engineers have reviewed and checked over all of the figures and all were in order. The low bid was from AllSouth Contractors for \$1,629,000.00 and it is Mr. Windham's recommendations, along with the engineers, to accept this bid. A motion to accept the low bid from AllSouth Contractors was made by Councilman Glenn Harris and a second was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous to accept the low bid.

Library Board Appointment:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that Ms. Cathy Mathis has turned in her resignation to the Library Board and the Council must appoint someone to take her place. Her term does not expire until June 30, 2018. Ms. Wainwright stated that

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Don Harmon has agreed to be appointed to the Library Board if it is the Mayor and Council's wish. A motion to appoint Mr. Harmon to the Library Board was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham said that January had been a busy month for the City. He stated that one of the lift stations north of town had went down, but as of today it is back up and running. It had been operating on a by-pass pump.

He said that the City of Butler had been lucky when the storms came through the weekend of January 21-22nd. He said that there were structures damaged and/or destroyed in the county but no injuries. During that time firefighters /first responders also responded to the high school due to a funeral service and a basketball game going on. Everyone was safe but first responders were there to ensure they were sheltering in place. He said that it is coming in to the time of year for these events to pop up and the City is as prepared as it can be. He also stated that he appreciated all of the assistance during the storms. Councilman Glenn Harris asked if the sirens worked during the storms. Mr. Windham stated that they did, though he had some reports that due to the rain falling so hard some people said they did not hear them.

He also reminded the Mayor and Council that February 20th is President's Day and City Hall will be closed on that day.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department had 2 structure fires, 2 grass fires, and 1 vehicle accident during January.

He also reinforced for Mr. Windham said regarding the storms and said that it definitely helps when everyone works together and helps out during situations such as the storms.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said that he is aware that Sumter County Fire Chief came up to handle calls for the Butler Fire Department during Al Brooks funeral service. He said that he brought a truck and the equipment necessary to run calls so that the firemen could attend. He expressed his gratitude for this service.

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Mayor Whitley stated that he has received numerous compliments on the fire department and how the storm situation was handled. He said that his hat is off to the fire department for the great things they accomplish especially by being volunteers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss personnel was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION (Continued):

2017 APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Whitley read the list of appointments for 2017 and a motion to accept and appoint the following positions was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. A second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-Tem	Ed Guinn
Municipal Court Judge	Wayne Jernigan
City Attorney	Mincey & Mincey
Auditor	Abbott, Jordan & Koon
Election Superintendent	Vicki Wainwright
Fire Chief	Charles Lance
Police Chief	Jimmy Towns
City Clerk/City Administrator	Vicki Wainwright
Public Works Director	David Windham

2017 DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS FOR COUNCIL:

The City Clerk asked if anyone had any comments or suggestions concerning the list of departments and the council persons that she has put over them. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked to have that tabled until the called meeting on Monday, February 20th. He stated that he feels there may be a need to discuss this issue in Executive Session.

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David Windham asked if there could be a quick work session either before or after the meeting on the 20th. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that the meeting may be lengthy so it would be better to have the work session first. It was agreed that there will be a work session before the called meeting on February 20th.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Chas Gassett to adjourn. A second was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.

Approve

Attest