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## November 12, 2024 Council Meeting @6:00 PM Council Chambers

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Barry Whitley  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins  
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers  
Councilperson Glenn Harris

### **MEDIA PRESENT**

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**INVOCATION:** Councilperson Deborah Williams

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements were made that City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Holidays. It was also announced that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event will be held on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM on the Courthouse Square. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy this event.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the October 31<sup>st</sup> Millage Rate Hearing and Adoption:**

A motion was made to approve the October 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting and the October 31<sup>st</sup> Millage Rate Hearing and Adoption. A motion to approve was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent*)



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### NEW BUSINESS:

#### FLOCK Camera Presentation:

A representative for the FLOCK camera system came before the Mayor and Council to explain the FLOCK camera system and to answer any questions that the Mayor and Council had regarding the system. The city has received a quote for 10 "Falcon" devices, which is an infrastructure free license plate reader camera, and 1 "Raven", which is an audio detection device that provides law enforcement real time alerting of audio events such as a gunfire. The Raven covers a ¼ mile area. The contract is a two-year contract, with the first year being \$48,500.00 and the second year being \$42,000. This is a total of \$90,500. If after the two-year contract is up the city can decide if it wants to continue using the FLOCK system. If they choose to continue using the system, it is \$42,000 per year. If they choose not to extend the contract the company will remove the system, as they own the cameras.

The Mayor and Council thanked the FLOCK representative and said they would discuss this further after the first of the year.

#### Resolution to add membership in a fund of GIRMA:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that it is now mandated for the city to provide PTSD insurance for public safety employees. In order to do this the city needs to adopt the resolution as presented. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimously approved. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent*)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading: Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment Ordinance:

The final reading of the proposed Tattoo and body piercing establishment was held during this council meeting. Councilperson Jacob Hopkins asked if the purpose of this ordinance was just to be proactive, or if there was an establishment interested in setting up in Butler. It was noted that this is this being proactive, so that the city has an ordinance in place should the need arise.



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Attorney Jack Nichols stated that a question came up during the last meeting regarding neon signs, and he suggested revising the zoning ordinance to cover neon signs and/or distasteful signage. He also stated that an amendment to the zoning ordinance needs to be made to only allow a tattoo establishment in general commercial areas as a "conditional use".

A motion to adopt the tattoo and body art ordinance was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimously approved. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent*)

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Public Works Director David Windham** informed the Mayor and Council of the new Lead Service Line Replacement Project that has been mandated for all water systems. The EPA has come up with new compliance for lead and copper contamination and requires all water systems to have a service line inventory that indicates service line location and material for both the public side and private side. All water systems will be required to submit annual updates to their service line inventory to Georgia EPD until all service lines have been classified as non-lead. Letters will be sent out to all customers by November 15<sup>th</sup> as "unknown" service line material.

Mr. Windham invited everyone to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at the Courthouse Square.

He said that trash pickup for the week of Thanksgiving will fall on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

He said that the water line improvement project in the Brown/Marshall area has the water main and service lines in, and service should be switched over within the next two weeks.

The bid opening for the sidewalk project will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

The deadline for the public to purchase personalized brick pavers in memory of or in honor of will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the lamp post memorial plaques will be replaced and the names will be placed on brick pavers, which will be clustered in one area.



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**Chief Matthew Woodard** informed the Mayor and Council that his monthly report is in their folder. He introduced new police officer Matthew Rogers, who just graduated the academy on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

He said that he and his officers will be holding a "Brunch with the Badges" on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at the Butler Fire Department from 11:00 to 2:00. He said this will be a chance for the public to meet the officers and share their concerns for the community during this round table event.

He also shared that the officers have recently started doing "Books with the Badges", where the officers will take turns going to the school to read to the children.

He shared that the officers pooled their money to provide food boxes for four families at Thanksgiving.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Butler Fire Department ran 20 calls last month.

He said that the Fire Department held a "Farm Medic" class on Saturday and Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There were sixteen participants, with fourteen being from Butler Fire Department.

He reminded everyone to be mindful about using drop cords to plug in heaters and Christmas lights. Drop cords are the cause of some fires each year.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Whitley said that the Council needs to enter into an executive session to discuss property and personnel. A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent*)



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**ADJOURN**

With nothing further to discuss, 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 Ed Guinn was absent)*

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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ATTEST

