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December 10, 2024
DWSRF Public Hearing 5:30
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

AGENDA AMENDMENT: Mayor Whitley announced that Agenda Item #3 would be amended to say "Resolution" instead of "Ordinance".

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were made that City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th, and Thursday, December 26th for the Christmas Holidays and on Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year Holiday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the November 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the November 12th Regular Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation in honor of Lula Mae Riley:

City Administrator/City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read a proclamation honoring Ms. Lula Mae Riley, who passed away on November 23, 2024. The Council stated they would like to do something further to honor Ms. Riley's legacy within Butler and further discussion will be had to determine what will be done. The proclamation was read at Ms. Riley's funeral that was held on December 7th.

Resolution to borrow \$1,000,000 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund DWLSL2023086 and to authorize the signer and attester:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the State has mandated that all cities must identify/verify the service lines (the type of pipe) that goes to the meter and also that leaves the meter in their effort to do away with lead/galvanized pipe. The "Loan" with GEFA is 100% Principal Forgiveness. This will be used to hire contractors to perform the work. A motion to adopt the resolution to authorize the signer and attester was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

Adoption of Resolution establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for services rendered by the Fire Department:

Interim Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox said that currently the fire department does not receive any funds for their response to vehicle fires or wrecks, and he would like for the Council to adopt the resolution to implement a program to be able to contract with Fire Recovery USA, LLC to allow them to bill those calls to the insurance company of the owner of the vehicle. He stated that if the insurance company does not pay the fire department has no plans to go after the individual. Funds received via insurance payments would help fund equipment for the fire department. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.



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SPLOST Water Rehab:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that there have been multiple leaks on Kings Lane and the waterline runs underneath the road, therefore he has to cut the road each time the leaks occur. He requested \$62,000 from old SPLOST to remove the pipe from underneath the road and reroute it to run beside the road, and since the line currently is a 2" pipe he would like to upgrade it to a 6" line and add two fire hydrants as well. There is currently no fire hydrants there. A motion to allow \$62,000 from old SPLOST be used for the project was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and was seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous, with Councilperson Jacob Hopkins abstaining from the vote since he and other family resides on that street.

STREETSCAPE Low Bid Award:

The bid opening for the Streetscape Project around the courthouse house/downtown area was held on December 5th, 2024 at 2:00 PM. Three bids were received, with the lowest bid being made by Helix Grading and Utility, LLC of Zebulon, Georgia in the amount of \$1, 728,364.00. Carter & Sloope have certified the bid tabulation and recommends the City award Helix Grading and Utilities, LLC the project. A motion to award the low bidder was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham stated he is currently working with local utility companies to relocate the power around the square and remove the existing poles.

He thanked everyone for the work that was done to get ready for the annual tree lighting and thanked the public for attending another successful event.

He reminded everyone that the deadline to purchase a personalized brick paver to be installed along with the sidewalk project is Friday, December 13th by close of business.



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Garbage pick-up will be delayed the week of Christmas and New Years by a day. Dumpsters for holiday overflow will be placed at Venus St/Hwy 19 area, Tower St./Cedar Street area, and Railroad/Martin Luther King area.

The water rehab project in the Brown Drive area is 95% complete.

A loan/grant through GEFA has been applied for in order to have GAP funding on the USDA project, due to cost increases. This has 50% principal forgiveness

Chief Matthew Woodard informed the Mayor and Council that his monthly report is in their folder. He introduced new police officer Michael McGhee, who will start the police academy in January 2025. He reminded everyone that on Saturday, December 28th the Butler Police Department will have a "Brunch with the Badge" event at the Butler Fire Department from 11:00 to 2:00 so that members of the community can attend and discuss their concerns with the local law enforcement.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department ran 18 calls last month. Those calls were 1 injured person, 1 aircraft accident, 5 traffic accidents with injuries, 3 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 3 wildland fires, 2 fire alarms, 1 cardiac arrest.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

