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DEBORAH WILLIAMS

**January 14, 2025**  
**Zoning Amendment Public Hearing 5:45 PM**  
**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**

TC NEWS

**INVOCATION:** Councilperson Deborah Williams

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the December 30, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the minutes from the December 30, 2024 Special Called Meeting by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.  
*(Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn was absent)*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2025 Appointments:**

The 2025 appointments were made as follows:

- Mayor Pro Tem Ed Guinn
- Municipal Court Judge Wayne Jernigan



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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • City Attorney                 | James Bates Brannan Groover LLP |
| • Auditor                       | Mauldin & Jenkins               |
| • Election Superintendent       | Vicki Wainwright                |
| • Fire Chief                    | David Windham                   |
| • Police Chief                  | Matthew Woodard                 |
| • City Clerk/City Administrator | Vicki Wainwright                |
| • Public Works Director         | David Windham                   |
| • Fire Coordinator              | Brandon Maddox                  |

A motion to accept and approve the appointments was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimously approved. (*Mayor Pro-Ten Guinn was absent*)

**2025 Department Oversight Appointments:**

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|------------------------------|---|------------------|
| • Water/Waste Water:         | Chair:  | Jacob Hopkins    |
|                              | Co-Chair:   | Ed Guinn         |
| • Public Safety Department:  | Chair:  | Deborah Williams |
|                              | Co-Chair:   | Rodrick Flowers  |
| • Street Department:         | Chair:  | Glenn Harris     |
|                              | Co-Chair:   | Jacob Hopkins    |
| • Administrative Department: | Chair:  | Rodrick Flowers  |
|                              | Co-Chair:   | Deborah Williams |
| • Buildings/Property:        | Chair:  | Ed Guinn         |
|                              | Co-Chair:   | Glenn Harris     |
| • Interview Committee:       | Deborah Williams, Jacob Hopkins & *Department Head* |                  |



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**City of Civility:** Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that the City of Butler is currently a "City of Civility", but that the resolution pledging to practice and promote civility has to be renewed. 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 Guinn was absent*)

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment:** With the adoption of the new Tattoo/Body Art Ordinance, Attorney Jack Nichols recommended a zoning amendment to allow that type of business in the General Commercial zoned areas of the city as a conditional use. A public hearing was held immediately prior to this council meeting regarding the amendment, with no members of the public in attendance. Attorney Nichols stated that any person wishing to open this type of business would have to come before the Mayor and Council for them to make the decision as to if they would allow a conditional use in the requested location.

A motion to adopt the zoning amendment was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimously approved. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent*)

**Qualifying Fees:** Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that this year (2025) there will be three seats up for election on the Council and qualifying fees have to be set in order to run those in the paper prior to February 1. A motion to set the qualifying fees as \$216.00 for position of Mayor and \$36.00 for a Council position was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilmember Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn was absent*)



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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Public Works Director David Windham** informed the Mayor and Council that the water improvement project in the area of Rebecca Bergen Drive is almost complete, with the contractors dealing with a little erosion that they will fix. He also said that the waterline rehab on Kings Lane is 90% complete.

**Chief Matthew Woodard** said that the Brunch with Badges event that was held on December 28<sup>th</sup> was successful. He plans to make this an annual event but plans to move the date to a different time and not have it during the holidays. He informed the Council that the Butler Police Department is conducting an investigation to a situation that occurred on New Years Eve.

**Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox** said that the Butler Fire Department ran 11 calls last month.

Those calls were two traffic accidents with entrapment, three traffic accidents with injuries, one vehicle fire, three wildland fire calls, one fire alarm, and one difficulty breathing call. He said that the Butler Fire Department ran 196 calls in 2024.

He informed the Mayor and Council that the Butler Fire Department was donated two brand new cars from KIA to conduct training classes on. One of the cars is an EV. These cars are for training purposes only. He said that the Butler Fire Department plans to have an EV training class soon. He also announced that the Butler Fire Department was awarded a grant to replace some of the scene lighting.

**ADJOURN**

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn was absent.*

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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ATTEST

