

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HENDERSON *
CITY OF GUN BARREL CITY *

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City, Texas met in a special meeting, in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Eaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Roll was called and a quorum established.

[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Present](#)

[Council Member - Melvyn Hayes: Present](#)

[Mayor - Paul Eaton: Present](#)

[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Present](#)

[Council Member - Curtis Webster: Present](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: Present](#)

Citizen Presentations:

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Nathan Bullard spoke regarding Item #3. He felt the timing of this vote came up in a rush. He felt this should have come up at a regular meeting and not a special meeting. He believed other citizens who owned property in the ETJ should have a chance to get a look at the agenda item and agreement that the City had made with the County.

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Linda Rankin spoke regarding the positive accomplishments done by the EDC. In five months, the EDC had met in twice a month for the past five months and had held two workshops. A third workshop was scheduled for next week. Twice the EDC met with the Council in quarterly meetings which were open to the public.

ITEM # 1: Discuss and/or take action to form a task force made up of two Councilmen and three EDC Board of Directors for future development of Heritage Cove. **(Goss)**

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Goss took this to the EDC first to have two Council members and three EDC members make up this task force. The two Council members would be Rodney Bevill and Marty Goss with Curtis Webster as a back-up alternate. Goss had asked several members of the EDC but some declined. So, members from the EDC would include Gary Damiano, James Osborne and James Cavanaugh. Sandy Janow would be the back-up alternate from the EDC. The Mayor would be a consultant due to his background in commercial development. There would be five people that would have a vote – three EDC members and

two Council members. This group would be brainstorming as to how they can speed things up and get things happening with these projects. Heritage Cove is the one that they are taking on at this time.

Goss wanted to always have the five people there to vote. Any time anything was decided there would be a vote. The majority would rule regardless of who the three votes were. Once an idea was reached by the task force, it would be taken to the EDC Board, presented and the task force would ask for the EDC's approval. The EDC would have the first stage approval of any ideas that the task force came up with and then it would move forward to the City Council.

Baade commented that in the beginning this was going to be a committee. Now that it was being called a task force he questioned what the difference was between a committee and a task force. It was Goss' understanding that with a task force, you didn't have to keep minutes. With a committee, you did. They had to be careful that if there was a quorum of either the EDC or the Council, the notice of the meeting would have to be posted or at least a Notice of Possible Quorum.

Baade said they hadn't posted an agenda for the RBEG grant committee and it was a committee. Goss would be in charge of the task force. He would set a meeting date, the topic that the meeting is on and then it would be purely brainstorming out of the five people in the meeting. Everyone would have one vote and the majority would rule and the five people would support the majority rule. It would not be one person dictating everything. The idea is on the table; they brainstorm it, pick it apart, come up with the best solution and then present it to the EDC Board.

Baade's concern with an alternate was if they hadn't participated in all the prior discussions on an issue and then they were asked to vote on an issue, they wouldn't have all the information. Goss said there wouldn't be anything that would carry over to three or four meeting in a row.

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Linda Rankin said the EDC was trying to get ready for the cinema. They wanted to work on the incentives that they might give to the cinema or that area. They didn't want to give incentives that could be used to enhance someone else's bottom line such as something to do with the build out of the cinema. They thought they would give them lighting on the street, signage for visibility and spend the EDC money in way to enhance the entire area which would be the cinema. She commented that there was no way to achieve greatness with divisiveness and there was no way to achieve greatness with an uncooperative spirit.

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Jim Braswell's main objective was to get the cinema open. At the EDC meeting the night that a committee was discussed, that it was said that it would be an EDC project but we would go forward with a committee. The EDC would pick and choose the three members to serve on the committee. If it's no longer an EDC project, tell us and let's go forward and get this job done.

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Mayor Eaton made a comment regarding the use of the task force for other things. He didn't want anyone on the EDC to feel like we were taking this away. This town was about to experience some incredible growth in the next five years.

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The City Manager read the definition of a task force and a committee. If the Council wanted minutes, we would do minutes. If they wanted an agenda, we would do any agenda. He would make sure someone would be there to take minutes.

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Hayes said the agenda item was to discuss and/or take action to form a task force. From what it looked like to him, the task force had already been formed and the people had already been picked. Mayor Eaton said Marty was nominating these people. Hayes wanted to know how Marty had the right to nominate anybody. The Council should decide who was going to be on the task force. Goss said he would be nominating the people he read off. He had already taken it to the EDC and they passed it and now he was bring it to the Council and the Council could either vote for it or against it. Hayes said it sounded like it was already cut and dried. It wasn't right for the Council to do things ahead of time behind everybody's back.

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[Council Member - Marty Goss: Motion to form a task force made up of Marty Goss and Rodney Bevill from the Council and Gary Damiano, Jim Osborne and Jim Cavanaugh from the EDC to serve on this task force. Curtis Webster would be the back-up alternate from the Council and Sandy Janow would be the back-up alternate from the EDC. Mayor Eaton would serve as a consultant.](#)

[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Abstain](#)

[Council Member - Melvyn Hayes: Disapprove](#)

[Mayor - Paul Eaton: N/A](#)

[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Disapprove](#)

[Council Member - Curtis Webster: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)

ITEM # 2: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2014-001 authorizing certain individuals to sign contractual documents associated with the Texas Community Development Block Grant program.

(Mayor)

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The City Manager explained this was authorizing the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-tem, the City Manager and the City Secretary to sign checks for the Texas Community Development Block Grant program. The Mayor and the City Manager would sign contractual documents.

[Council Member - Curtis Webster: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2014-001 authorizing certain individuals to sign contractual documents associated with the Texas Community Development Block Grant program.](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Melvyn Hayes: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Paul Eaton: N\A](#)

[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Curtis Webster: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)

ITEM # 3: Discuss and/or take action to approve an ETJ Agreement with Henderson County. **(Mayor)**

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The Mayor had been very involved with working on this with the County Judge. If the City had control of the ETJ, we could control of our future.

Webster said this wasn't for zoning; it was for platting purposes. The City Manager said Webster was correct but by approving this agreement the City would have control over health and safety concerns. If this was approved by Council, the agreement would go to the Commissioner's Court for approval. The Mayor had been working on this for two – three months. The County agreed with what was being done or this wouldn't have come before the City Council.

[00:32:34](#) (City Manager comments)

[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Motion to approve an ETJ Agreement with Henderson County.](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Melvyn Hayes: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Paul Eaton: N\A](#)

[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Curtis Webster: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2014-001regulating billboards. **(City Manager)**

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Our ordinance didn't say whether you could or couldn't have billboards within the City. One would assume since it wasn't stated in the ordinance that you couldn't put up any more billboards. State law restricts billboards to every 500 feet. The State permits billboards and the say to contact the local

community to see what laws they have in place. The City Manager was recommending approval of the City Attorney's ordinance stating that no billboards are allowed within city limits. If a billboard is already up, then it is grandfathered.

Council Member - Curtis Webster: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2014-001 regulating billboards.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Melvyn Hayes: Approve

Mayor - Paul Eaton: N\A

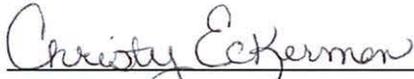
Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Curtis Webster: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest:



Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:



Paul Eaton, Mayor