

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City met in a regular meeting in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Braswell 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 was established.

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Present

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Present

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Present

Council Member - Marty Goss: Present

Mayor - Jim Braswell: Present

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Present

Cynthia King of Prosperity Bank presented a check in the amount of \$250 to the Police Department thanking them for all the wonderful things they do in the community.

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Mayor Braswell said it gave him great pleasure to recognize the 2014 Mabank Little League Football Association, PeeWee Football Team from Mabank, Texas, that won the Little League Super Bowl November 20th in Quinlan, Texas. Pictures were taken and Gun Barrel City lapel pins and stick-on tattoos were given to the team. Super Bowl rings were donated by Rita's Club.

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The Mayor also commented that the Monitor ran a survey/contest in the paper to vote on your favorites. Mickie Raney was named favorite employee of City Hall in that survey.

Citizen Presentations: (Limited to 3 Minutes)

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David Skains, President of the EDC, updated the Council on what had been accomplished with the new Board since November. Two consultants to the EDC had been released saving the EDC tens of thousands of dollars a year. The Board had arranged and helped create a commercial through Go Texan. Go Texan came down and interviewed, filmed and did a photo shoot for a commercial and a written article at no charge to the City or the EDC. The Board had arranged for a free full-page ad in the Texas Senior Resource Guide. They were also a \$3,000 Platinum Sponsor for Crappie Anglers of Texas. This investment would put well over 100 heads-in-beds between now and the tournament date of September 15, 2015. Actually on the tournament date they expect to put between 100 and 120 heads-in-beds and these anglers have the opportunity to come in get special rates at the hotels up till September 15.

Skains continued by saying the Board had also approved and completed two façade improvement grants. Due to some failure in the administration, those items were not on the agenda for Council approval

tonight. **NOTE: A special meeting would be called for Monday, February 2 at 10 a.m. to discuss and take action on those two façade improvement grants.**

There had also been talk about a boat ramp. Common sense told Mr. Skains that if they got people to get on the water more money would be spent in Gun Barrel City. That is, if they can get on the water in Gun Barrel City. To put some figures on the table, here is what he knows so far in his research. FLW, which is one of the largest fishing groups in the country, said in a recent survey that \$134,000,000 in tackle had been spent by their membership in the last twelve months; that they had spent 83.6 days on lakes; 75.10% of their membership buy fishing tackle at least once a month; 53.42% expect to buy electronics within the next year for their boats; over 80% will buy new rods and/or reels in the next year (these are not your Zebco 33 rods and reels). Serious anglers buy serious equipment. Anglers spent \$1.1 billion on live bait in 2010 and you can't buy a minner in Gun Barrel City. This one event for FLW that they're hosting for their championship had an economic impact of \$13,419,830 in a four-day period which didn't include any of the pre-fishing.

The boat ramp would be used by boaters, tubers, jet skiers and fishermen. Skains had request numbers from Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas A&M to help us understand what the economic impact will be to the City and they were waiting patiently for those numbers to come forward. He wanted to give the Council an update on that and they would hearing more about it in the future.

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Rob Rea thanked the Council and Mayor for appointing him to the EDC Board. For the most part, it had been an incredibly rewarding few months. The Board that I work with are some of the most dedicated and talented people that I've met and the effort that they expended is all done on a volunteer basis. This City has some incredible human resources to draw upon and I hope that this tremendous crowd tonight will continue to stay involved in the processes that go into deciding how to spend our taxpayer dollars. We all have a stake in these decisions. It is all of your money as we as a City spend every day. You all have a voice and I encourage you all to make it heard.

The EDC has worked very hard to accomplish the things that were laid out by David Skains just now. We've not wasted a single dollar. We've laid the ground work for real concrete projects to come to fruition. With the new Board being placed in the last couple months, our focus has shifted to trying to make the City more attractive and livable which will make our City more attractive to potential business expansion. What the EDC needs to do right now is work with the City government and the citizens to get things done. We need to do our best to let the citizens know what we're working on. With that transparency we can then proceed and hopefully proceed without road blocks and obstructions. We encourage all the citizens to come out to the EDC with their ideas and their comments. The EDC is here for you. I believe the Board is in agreement that if we can make the City more attractive and livable, the businesses will follow. We will continue to try to attract new business entities to the City but with a common sense approach. If the EDC can help to fill all the vacant properties on Main Street, beautify our neighborhoods and bring additional people to the City by sponsoring projects like a farmer's market and a new boat ramp then businesses will be more apt to look at our city. What everyone in this chamber needs to do is make a commitment to get projects completed not throw obstructions or road blocks up at the last minute. We need to work together to show the citizens that we're here for progress – not for our personal agendas, personal vendettas or politics for politics sake. This is essentially a chicken or the egg thing. We don't have the money to build a business park with no committed anchor tenant. We do have the money for a boat ramp, farmer's market, street lights and fire hydrants. These projects need to be done properly and in a judicious manner. Once again, I would like to thank the City Council and the Mayor for the opportunity to serve on this Board. I'm proud of what we've done and I'll be very proud of what we are about to accomplish.

The following people spoke in favor of a Farmer's Market.

David Story, owned commercial property in Gun Barrel City. He felt local produce would help the health of the whole community. He stated that at least a few of the booths should be held for local farmers and gardeners only so those people can sell their excess. He thought this would increase jobs and the local children would benefit knowing that vegetables didn't grow at Walmart. It would be nice if they could talk one on one to the local farmers and gardeners. He felt a farmer's market could lead to Spring planting and fall harvesting festivals. He felt some of the site should be set aside for a Mercado to include a flea market with the farmers produce market.

Others that spoke in favor of the farmer's market were: Margaret Halford, Buckle Baily, Jan Bailey, Janice Bailey and Nicholas Dahlmer.

Kevin Banghart, a former Council member, said this was a no brainer. This was one of the things that the Council talked about having at the pavilion when he was on the Council several years ago. It would bring people into the community. He was curious to see what the potential opposition would be.

The Mayor asked if there were any objections to moving Item #12 before Item #1. There were no objections. Immediately after discussion of Item #12, the agenda would return to the order in which it was originally posted.

ITEM #12: Discuss and/or take action to approve the Gun Barrel City Farmer's Market Project (2015-001). (EDC)

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Carol Calkins recognized all the interested citizens in the audience that had come to listen to this debate.

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Motion to approve the EDC to move forward with the necessary research for a farmer's market and for subsequent official project status pending completion of the required amendments to the ordinances, resolutions, performance agreements and other technical items that need to be officially approved.

Council Member – Ronald Wyrick: 2nd

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Goss said as far as he knew everyone was for but is for it doing it properly. They tried this over four years ago but they got very little participation. He thought it would be great to have it on Main Street as long as it was done properly. One of the obstacles is the B2 zoning of the corner, another obstacle is that the B2 zoning doesn't allow temporary structures. All things can be overcome if the Council is in full agreement. Then there was the handicap issues that needed to be dealt with because of the surface which would make it difficult for people in wheelchairs, walker, etc.

When Goss met with the EDC he explained that they could accomplish a farmer's market within about 2 – 3 weeks by using the City Hall parking lot. That would take care of the handicap issue. The City could do it for free and a handicap port-a-potty could be set up. People could back in, put up their tent and sell their produce every Saturday morning from 7 am till noon. However, if it was about trying to rezone so he could be on the corner and fix temporary structures then it could take months. Some of the Council members are afraid this could turn into a flea market.

The package the Council received was very vague. Any package coming from the EDC is supposed to be a complete package for review. There wasn't a list of items that can and cannot be sold, there wasn't an application from the person who is going to be running it; there was not a credit report, an application or a criminal background check which is standard for any projects that the EDC is going to be spending money to do. This protocol was approved in a joint meeting of the Council and the EDC due to past experiences.

As far as having the farmer's market, Goss was personally for it but if it wasn't done properly then the next person that comes along could say well you didn't follow the rules for this guy why do I have to follow the rules.

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Since Calkins was the one that had the motion on the floor she wanted the Vice President of the EDC up to answer questions that the Council might have. **She wanted Rob Rae to outline what the proposed flea market would be about.** Calkins pointed out that Item #12 was to discuss or take action. There was no motion here to approve a performance agreement, to approve any kind of an ordinance and as my Council member to my right, (Goss), had indicated that it had to be so styled so we're not here to approve any kind of a performance agreement or anything like that. And, that was what her motion was about today is to let you guys (EDC) do what you need to do but for us to be able to hear the debate.

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Rob Rae addressed a few of the concerns that were brought up first. A lot of the people in this audience are not familiar with the protocol with the EDC and City Council. A little bit of history needs to be stated before go forward with this discussion. The City itself wanted to start a farmer's market at the pavilion several years ago. They did all the leg work. They actually added ordinances into the City Charter (**Correction: That would be the City Code**) specifically for that project. That project failed miserably. The reason that it failed was that it was at the pavilion. The vendors couldn't even find the pavilion. They are not going to pay for a booth at a farmer's market where customers can't find where it is. Everybody knows in this town knows what happens, happens on Main Street right now. We'd love to have businesses and make that change but right this second it needs to be on Main Street. That's where the traffic is. That's where the weekenders will come in to spend their money.

That being said, the ordinances, I fully admit that the EDC forwarded a package to the City Council that was not complete. That is due in large part to my ignorance having only been on this Board for two months. I was unfamiliar with what needed to be in that package. Everything that does need to be in that package, as far as I'm concerned, can be put together in a matter of a couple of days. What I'm asking the Council to do on this farmer's market is to give it a contingency approval just to tell us that if we get you this paperwork this will be done. And the reason that I would like to have that contingency is that in the scope of all these politics I've been working on this for months. I brought this to Mayor Eaton three years ago. So, this is something that I'm passionate about. I got lambasted with a bunch of road blocks on a Friday morning before this meeting on Tuesday night. There's no way physically that I could get all that paperwork put together. Had I been told what was needed two weeks ago ya'll would not have to be sitting here looking at an incomplete package.

As far as the zoning and the ADA goes which is American's Disability Act, I would venture to say that the City needs to be real careful before they start bringing up road blocks like that because there is an item on this agenda tonight that's a \$90,000 item. And I guarantee you that the parking lot over there (old city hall) is more handicap accessible than a field with a rented fence around it. DON'T make me go there! AND, that's exactly where I'm going. This thing will blow up like a fire bomb.

These people are here as citizens telling us that they want something. They will take care of their elderly relatives getting into the parking lot in a wheelchair. They will be spending the money as well as the weekenders that come in and people that come in from surrounding communities to spend money in our town. That is what the EDC does is promote projects that bring spending to this town. And, I have to be honest with you; I'm tired of getting things thrown in my way at the last minute. These people want it and we need to figure out a way to get it done and get it open by April 1. And, I don't want to hear any more. I don't want a stack of papers like this (ordinances?) telling me why I can't do it. I want somebody in the City government to look at me and go 'great idea, all the citizens want it, this is what we need to do.' Give me a list; I'll put it together.

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Wyrick said the EDC and City management together ya'll need to be able to get us a package together pretty shortly for this farmer's market. I mean ya'll need to get it together and get it to us. That's what I'm looking for. Gun Barrel City used to have a flea market. People that have been here for years knew it was up where the Radio Shack is. It was a profitable business and it brought people into Gun Barrel City. This thing you're kicking off will do the same thing. People want it so we need to get together and work together and get this thing going.

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Rob Rea said he wanted to make one thing clear they were not asking for a flea market. Nor do we want a flea market. That's the problem. These people here are not here to buy used generators and used tires for their pickups. They want to buy produce and plants from clean farmer's vendors from a uniform, clean place and that includes the booths and the kiosks we want to build because they will be uniform. It will be an attractive thing on Main Street. One of the ideas that had been brought up certain members of the City staff and management has been that they want to see it go slowly. They want Walmart tents and station wagons filled with watermelons out in the parking lot of City Hall once a month. I will have no part of that. My name won't be on it. My name won't be associated with it. It will look like a jic (?) flea market and I won't back it. This needs to be done professionally; needs to be done on a site; this site by the way, in case anybody doesn't realize, I'm not sitting here asking for money for a project that is going to drain the City. I'm asking for \$20,000 to level that parking lot off, supply the necessary items the management company needs which is the kiosks and it's over. And he pays us rent on piece of property that we already own. In case anybody doesn't realize it, what we're getting off that property now is zero. We're going to get \$1,200 a month just to let them operate and the piece of property continues to be for sale so if we get our \$400,000 he has a 30 day vacate notice. There is no down side to this. And, I don't want to hear about zoning. This is the same zoning as that is. So, why can you put a bunch of tents and a bunch of Mexicans with

the same zoning as that is. So, why can you put a bunch of tents and a bunch of Mexicans with station wagons with watermelons? It's infuriating; I'm sorry.

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Bevill said he didn't think anybody was against the idea. It's like you said slowly and professionally. I think we're just asking for a few 'T's and I's' to be crossed and dotted.

Rea said they were in a time constraint. All I'm asking the City Council to do is say we're not going to put any more road blocks in front of you. You give us this list of four documents; we hand them to you and you have the special meeting and get it approved. Then we can go ahead and build the kiosks and get the parking lot leveled and it will be ready to open in April. I apologize if I seem a little heated but I am.

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The Mayor summed things up by saying that you could tell by the comments made by Councilmen Goss, Bevill, Wyrick and himself that this was a good thing. There were rules to follow and rules sometimes get misplaced or not known. He learned there was an ordinance addressing this situation. As Mayor and Council, we have to abide by those ordinances that are set forth in this City. That's our job. Those ordinances were made to be followed and we will follow them until there is an amendment to a certain ordinance. When the EDC has their meetings and they come up with a proposed project, such as a farmer's market, they discuss it, they talk about it, but their job is to bring to the Council a performance agreement and a resolution. We didn't get that so it's just rules. Rules have to be followed and they will be followed. And, we will make, whatever it takes, to make sure that this town has a farmer's market, if I have anything to say about it.

Bevill was for this but they needed to fix a couple of things and let's get it going.

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Goss was for the EDC moving forward with this; putting together their package to bring it to the City. But, he didn't think it would be appropriate to sit here and tell him (Rea) that as long as you bring the package you're guaranteed to be done. It's not. Because these things do have to be addressed and the way it was just stated earlier that that was what they were asking for. Goss could not give it in those terms. Once the package is presented and it's complete, if we can make it work, yes, he was 100% for it. But, you cannot sit here and say as long as you give us the package it's a done deal because it is not. It would be misleading and it would be dishonest to everyone sitting out here.

[Council Member - Carol Calkins: Motion to approve the EDC to move forward with the necessary research for a farmer's market and for subsequent official project status pending completion of the required amendments to the ordinances, resolutions, performance agreements and other technical items that need to be officially approved.](#)

[Council Member – Ronald Wyrick: 2nd](#)

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

[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)
[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)
[Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve](#)

At this point, the agenda reverted back to Item #1.

ITEM # 1: Consent Agenda: All matters listed under ‘Consent Agenda’ are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Consider approving the **minutes of the November 18 & December 18, 2014 Council meetings** and the following **November and December reports:**

Financial – Budget vs. Actual Expenses–Year to Date (Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec)
Municipal Court – traffic and non-traffic court activity
Police Department – number of cases filed and cleared
Dispatch Report – calls for service
Animal Control – number of complaints, impoundments and citations
Fire Department/Fire Marshal – number of incidents, investigations & mutual aid
Street & Park Department – cost break down of monthly street repairs & park expenses
Building Official – number of inspections and associated fees
Code Enforcement – break down of violations
EDC minutes and financial reports (Oct, Nov & Dec)
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Calkins asked that the December 8, 2014 EDC minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda. Pages 6, 7 & 8 had inadvertently been left out of the agenda packet. However, Calkins had read and reviewed those pages and didn’t have a problem with them.

[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.](#)
[Council Member – Ronald Wyrick: 2nd](#)
[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)
[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)
[Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve](#)

ITEM # 2: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-001 calling a General Election for May 9, 2015 to elect three Council persons to two-year terms each. **(Mayor)**

[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-001 calling a General Election for May 9, 2015 to elect three Council persons to two-year terms each.](#)
[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: 2nd](#)
[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)
[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)
[Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve](#)

ITEM # 3: Discuss and/or take action to approve a contract in the amount of \$4,456.10 with Henderson County to conduct the City's May 9, 2015 General Election. **(City Manager)**

It was noted that this was a standard agreement with Henderson County to conduct our election. There was about a 10% increase in the cost compared to the last election.

[Council Member - Carol Calkins: Motion to approve a contract in the amount of \\$4,456.10 with Henderson County to conduct the City's May 9, 2015 General Election.](#)

[Council Member – Ronald Wyrick: 2nd](#)
[Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve](#)
[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)
[Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve](#)

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-002 amending Section 31.17(c) General Business and Action Item Requests in the Code of Ordinances to change the deadline date from Wednesday to Monday for Council agenda items. **(Calkins)**

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Calkins said with the current deadlines it didn't give the Council adequate time to read and investigate and have discussions with the City Manager and staff. There may also be items on the regular agenda that may need further legal action or research so there is little time to accomplish that task.

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The Mayor said the only way to facilitate getting the agenda earlier would be if the EDC meetings were moved to the second Tuesday of the month. Goss said in speaking with the President of the EDC they were already considering moving the meetings in order to attend the Business After Hours events sponsored by the Chamber.

The City Manager said the staff had discussed this to make sure they could get the reports together in time. They had actually talked about moving the deadline to the Friday but they were okay with moving the deadline.

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-002 amending Section 31.17 c General Business and Action Item Requests in the Code of Ordinances to change the deadline date from Wednesday to Monday for Council agenda items.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to award bids for the 2015 street materials. **(Mayor)**

- Cold mix asphalt per ton delivered
- One and one half inch flex base rock per ton delivered
- Hot mix asphalt per ton delivered
- Hot mix asphalt per ton installed
- 3/8 inch pea gravel per ton delivered
- Polymer modified asphalt (UPM) per ton delivered
- Wash sand per ton delivered
- Tack coat per gallon:
 - 1) CSS-1
 - 2) SS-1
 - 3) PHPM-50

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Mike Horton, Street Superintendent, recommended that bids be awarded as follows:

King Sand & Gravel	Wash Sand Delivered / Ton	\$17.10
S & S Trucking	Base Rock Delivered / Ton	\$17.75
S & S Trucking	Pea Gravel Delivered / Ton	\$16.00
R K Hall	Cold Mix Delivered / Ton	\$85.60
Texana Land & Asphalt	Tack Coat CRS 1 & 2 / Gal	\$ 5.00 / CSS-1
Advanced Paving	Hot Asphalt Installed / Ton	\$97.00
APAC	Hot Asphalt Delivered / Ton	\$80.50

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Motion to award the bids for the 2015 street materials as recommended by Mr. Horton.

Council Member – Ronald Wyrick: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM # 6: Discuss and/or take action to eliminate the liaison from the Council to the EDC.
(Mayor)

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The Mayor commented that they had video, audio and written minutes of the EDC meetings so he didn't see the need for a liaison.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Motion to eliminate the liaison from the Council to the EDC.

Council Member - Carol Calkins: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Beville: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM # 7: Discuss and/or take action to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$90,000 from the Hotel Motel Fund for the July Fest event including signing a contract with Brad Weis of B-Weis Entertainment Group, LLC to produce and promote the concert. **(City Manager)**

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Mickie Raney read a prepared report. She was very passionate about this event. July Fest 2014 was a huge success. We budgeted \$66,000 for the event. We actually spent \$68,000 due to covering our stage to protect our investment BUT brought in \$45,000 in food/drink, car show and ticket sales bringing the total amount spent to \$23,000. That is a 30% increase in July Fest revenue from 2013. The revenue we receive from the Hotel/Motel tax is around \$58,000 a year with an expected 11% increase for 2014. You were not able to book a hotel room within a 30 mile radius which is the intent of this event.

This will be the 6th year of our event and the 4th year with our promoter B-Weiss Entertainment. We are building momentum! In 2012, when we brought Brad in, our crowd increased 77% and has continued to grow each year with our crowd numbers going from 700 people in year 2010 to 3500 in year 2014. This number does not include the people who just attended the 5K run, car show, carnival and fireworks. July Fest was also voted the Best Community Event in Henderson and Anderson County for 2014! This is an amazing event that we must keep improving!

Because July Fest will fall on the actual 4th of July this year, we need to expect a 10% increase which would put us with a budget of \$75,000 to keep it the same. Our goal is and has been to recapture 50% of our expenditures which was the reasoning for requesting to spend up to \$90,000 knowing we would be bringing at least \$45,000 back into the fund. If we increase our budget to \$80 - \$85,000, that would allow us to 'step it up' with two well-known entertainers along with Vanilla Ice, the Battle of the Bands and an opener. \$90,000 would allow for a very well-known and a well-known entertainer along with Vanilla Ice, the Battle of the Bands and an

opener. We have talked about Vanilla Ice being our 'July Fest' tradition. He does a lot for Gun Barrel City as far as promoting us by wearing our t-shirt on his TV show and also announced last year that he was buying a home here. As always, thank you for your continued support!

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Dennis Baade recommended \$80,000 and if more money was needed Ms. Raney could come back to the Council. Raney said they were okay with \$80,000 she just wasn't sure what the cost would be for those entertainers she was looking at. Baade was concerned with crowd control. Were there enough officers to control a crowd of 4,500? Do we have the capacity for 4,500 attendees? Volunteers were going to be stationed at some of the points where officers were last year. This would free up those officers for crowd control. The City Manager said the staff got together and they would like Councilman Baade to be the liaison for July Fest.

After a discussion on the money and where it was going to be spent, the following motion was made.

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Motion to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$80,000 from the Hotel Motel Fund for the July Fest event including signing a contract with Brad Weiss of B-Weiss Entertainment Group, LLC to produce and promote the concert.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM # 8: Discuss and/or take action to schedule workshops to discuss the future direction of the City for planning purposes. **(City Manager)**

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The City Manager felt the Council needed to get together in a public meeting to decide what kind of meeting you wanted to have to address the future planning of this City. Since the citizens stated strongly that this City will operate on sales tax then we needed to have a planning session. What is the direction of the City? He had heard some Council members' state they wanted to do it alone, some wanted to include staff; some wanted to include the EDC. This needed to be a multi-staged, planning sessions. This process may take longer than 90 days because once the Council got their decision to move forward, then you give staff direction, and then you start talking to the boards and give them the direction of the future plan. The main event was to get the citizens involved in planning their City with You the Council.

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The Mayor said if we make plans we have to work our plans. This will take time. While reading a book, the print jumped off the page – paint a vision for success. We need to 'Paint a Vision for Success for Gun Barrel City.' That's what we need to do. We need to decide what we want to be as those on this Council have stated previously.

The Mayor felt that he and the Council and the City Manager would head that up. At some point, they might not sit in on every meeting, but at some point they needed to bring in the Beautification Committee, the P&Z, the EDC or any other committee working for the benefit of Gun Barrel City to hear what their thoughts are. At some point, they would open it up to the citizens to receive their comments.

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Goss said he had been pushing to have this meeting because the tax election was the best example of the system actually working. Even though there was false information put out, there was such an overwhelming opinion that they want the city to operate within the sales tax base and not go outside. Where the City had been planning to build to here (Goss raised is hand upward), the citizens clearly stated this (staying where we are at) is where they want to be in an overwhelming 5 to 1 margin. We might be looking at 3 to 5 meetings but there were some hard decisions to be made by the Council. In his opinion, Goss felt at least the first three meetings should be Council only and some advisors because they were looking at possible hiring freezes, putting expansion of municipal buildings on hold, transferring manpower within departments. There were a lot of infrastructure decisions to be made that may not be popular. Goss didn't think the EDC should be excluded. However, he didn't think they needed to be included until the Council knew what the foundation would be.

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Calkins said it had been a long time since they had done an in-depth visioning process with the citizens. She wanted to set a long term vision for the city. She'd like to bring in an outside facilitator. She could see the chamber, the water board, school board, other city leaders and organizations included in this process.

The City Manager commented they needed to set a temporary schedule. Wyrick wanted to set something up within the next 30 days. Goss suggested within the next two weeks.

Council Member - Marty Goss: Motion to schedule a workshop by the Mayor and City Manager to work out a schedule for the next meeting to be within two weeks.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM # 9: Discuss and/or take action to discuss the hiring and reporting expectations of an EDC Executive Director and all related issues of the position. **(Mayor)**

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The Mayor said they got to looking and thought all the I's were dotted and the T' crossed but they weren't. When former Councilman Webster made the motion, it wasn't the motion that was

made or passed. The motion that was made and passed was to come up with a job description to be done by Mr. Boren and former EDC President, Linda Rankin. In time, Ms. Rankin left, so Mr. Boren, Rita Evans, EDC Executive Assistant, Councilman Webster worked together to come up with the job description. But, they never got down to the details of who does the hiring, who the Executive Director reports to, salaries, benefits and everything that goes with it. If we're going to move forward and think about hiring an Executive Director, we need to go back and look at those items.

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Motion to table Item #9 until they get more information and a better guideline on what we're going to do here on an EDC Executive Director.

Council Member - Carol Calkins: 2nd

Goss felt all the groundwork had been done and they should discuss it and move forward. If they had had a professional over there, we wouldn't have had this issue tonight because the package would have been complete.

Mayor Braswell felt the issue was who does the interviewing for an Executive Director, who makes the recommendation to the Council for a particular Executive Director to be considered to hire. Goss thought a committee should be formed to include two EDC members, the City Manager, the Mayor and one Councilman.

Calkins was concerned about cash flow of the EDC in creating this position. She read the motion that was passed on July 22, 2014 and it didn't create any kind of reporting relationship nor did it approve that particular position so we need to do that. She agreed with Wyrick that there wasn't enough information. Although she received a personal copy of Ms. Black's letter from the EDC to the Council and the Mayor and the Manager, it was not included in our packet where they asked for guidance and direction from us. She thought they would have needed to have that in their packet. She thought they needed some type of financial analysis that would show us that such a position could be supported long-term by the EDC. She was familiar with the fact that the EDC only get about \$35,000 a month in sales tax revenue and we're talking about a possible position of \$60 - \$80,000 and that takes up several months of sales tax revenue for the salary. She wanted to see more information provided as far as what they are going to be reviewing. She didn't think the packet was complete at this point and that was why she was supporting that this item be tabled.

Goss realized Calkins was new but in order to keep this moving forward he suggested that she be the Council person on the committee. Bevill thought they could move forward and resolve some of the issues Calkins had. He didn't think they really needed to table this. It was Calkins understanding that this job description had not been discussed with the President of the EDC. The City Manager replied that the President of the EDC, Mr. Skains, had applied for the job.

Mayor Braswell restated the motion as: To table Item #9 until the EDC can bring to us their expectations, what they see as salary, benefits, everything that would go with putting an Executive Director in place for this City, who that director would report to, bring it back to Council so we can look at it again at the February 24, 2015 Council meeting.

Goss asked if a Council person would like to make that motion. The City Secretary said there was already a motion on the floor.

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Motion to table Item #9 for future discussion.

Council Member - Carol Calkins: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Disapprove

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM #10: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2015-001 authorizing the execution of a 380 Restaurant Agreement with Flying Chicken, Inc. (Chicken Express). **(City Manager)**

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This was part of the negotiations with Chicken Express to get them to come. We offered them a 50% rebate on the sales tax that the City received for a four-year period. This would not hamper what the EDC received.

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2015-001 authorizing the execution of a 380 Restaurant Agreement with Flying Chicken, Inc. (Chicken Express).

Council Member - Dennis Baade: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM #11: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2015-002 authorizing the execution of a 380 Restaurant Agreement with GBC TC LLC (Taco Casa). **(City Manager)**

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This agreement was the same as the agreement with Chicken Express.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2015-002 authorizing the execution of a 380 Restaurant Agreement with GBC TC LLC (Taco Casa).

Council Member - Carol Calkins: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

ITEM #13: Discuss and/or take action to approve \$4,900 for production cost and 50% of actual travel expense not to exceed \$6,900 for Marketing Project – Krappie Kings Television. **(EDC)**

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While this item didn't need to come to the Council because it was marketing and it was less than \$10,000. Patsy Black wanted a total open door between the EDC and Council. Krappie Kings was planning to come to Gun Barrel for three days, do a dinner show at a local restaurant and spotlight that restaurant. He would also spotlight the hotel. This was spotlighting the lake and the fishing opportunities but it was also spotlighting our City. She took this to be similar to the Channel 4 Country Reporter. While this television show is in New York, it is a national show and Gun Barrel City would be promoted nationwide. Mayor Braswell questioned whether it was really going to benefit the City, for that amount of money. The name of Gun Barrel City was well known by the fishing community in Texas and he didn't see what benefit that we would get from spending \$6,900 to promote Gun Barrel City in all these venues that he covers.

Council Member - Marty Goss: Motion to approve \$4,900 for production cost and 50% of actual travel expense not to exceed \$6,900 for Marketing Project – Krappie Kings Television.

Council Member - Dennis Baade: 2nd

Council Member - Rodney Bevill: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Dennis Baade: Approve

Council Member - Marty Goss: Approve

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

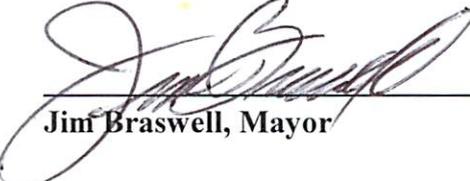
Council Member - Carol Calkins: Approve

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Attest:


Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:


Jim Braswell, Mayor