

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City met in a special meeting in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Council Member - Rob Rea: Present

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Present

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Present

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Present

Mayor - Dennis Baade: Present

Representative Stuart Spitzer presented a flag to the City that had flown over the Texas State capitol.

Citizen Presentations: (Limited to 3 Minutes)

00:02:56

Rob Rea wanted to acknowledge the Spartan Tattoo Studio had been doing a brisk business, paying their taxes and hadn't had any trouble at their establishment. There had not been one single police call to their store front since opening. He personally thanked the owners of that business for bringing a viable, clean and successful business to the community.

Joseph Dunn thanked former Mayor Jim Braswell, the Council, the GBCEDC Board, SPA Skatepark, Steven Schiff and everyone that supported them with the dream of bringing a skatepark to the City.

Steven Schiff had been asked to participate as a committee member to support the upcoming Mabank ISD Bond election. He announced that a Town Hall meeting would be held on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall to discuss the particulars of the upcoming election and to seek the support for these needs district wide at the upcoming November 3 election.

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 August 18 & 19 and September 15, 2015 Budget Workshop meetings and the September 15, 2015 Special Council meeting and the August 25, 2015 Council meetings** and the following **August reports:**

Financial – Budget vs. Actual Expenses–Year to Date

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 August 11 & September 1, 2015 minutes and July financial reports
P&Z August 3, 2015 minutes

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

At this point, Items 20, 21 and 22 were moved up on the agenda.

ITEM #20: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 – Public Officer – to discuss the position of City Attorney. **(Rea / Mayor)**

Mayor Baade recessed the meeting at 6:42 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

ITEM #21: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss and/or take action regarding the position of City Attorney. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Baade reconvened the Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion that the City of Gun Barrel appoint Birdsong & Armstrong for a period of 60 days as our contracted attorneys at law with in the meantime if any other Council people have other attorneys they would like to interview we do that at that time and then subsequently turn the 60 day probationary period into a permanent contract.

Council Member - Linda Rankin: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM #22: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2015-012 EDC Project 2015-007, GBC Medical. **(Mayor)**

00:14:09

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2015-012 EDC Project 2015-007, GBC Medical.

[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: 2nd](#)
[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)
[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

Rankin said it was brought to her attention that there were some financial issues. Sean said out of \$242,400 they were coming to the EDC asking for \$82,400. They had already gotten funding for \$160,000. Rea commented that in a meeting that Ms. Rankin was unable to attend the remaining Council did here about the credit worthiness of the principals and it was substantial.

Baade said he heard they were spending \$45,000 on marketing in the first year. Of that, \$20,000 would be spent on the signage and \$25,000 would be used on a marketing person who will cater to the veterans. There would be three full-time employees with the hopes to eventually employing 5 to 6 practitioners,

The agenda reverted to Item #2.

ITEM # 2: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-009 fixing the rate and tax levy for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. **(Mayor)**

[00:21:21](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-009 fixing the rate and tax levy for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year at zero percent.](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: 2nd](#)
[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)
[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM # 3: Discuss and/or take action to name an official newspaper for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. **(Mayor)**

[00:22:32](#)

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to name the Athens Daily Review as the official newspaper for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.](#)
[Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd](#)
[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve](#)
[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to approve the engagement letter with Henry & Peters PC and adjust the budget taking \$4,250 out of the Reserve Fund **OR** reject the engagement letter and go out for bids again. **(Mayor)**

00:25:14

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to approve the engagement letter with Henry & Peters PC and adjust the budget taking \$4,250 out of the Reserve Fund.

Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to approve the financing of a new fire engine. **(Wyrick)**

00:26:03

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Motion to approve the financing of a new fire engine.

Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM # 6: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-010 approving a Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Gun Barrel City. **(Mayor)**

00:29:06

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2015-010 approving a Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Gun Barrel City.

Council Member - Linda Rankin: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM # 7: Discuss and/or take action to accept Anne Mullins resignation from the Board of Adjustments. **(Mayor)**

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept Anne Mullins resignation from the Board of Adjustments.

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM # 8: Discuss and/or take action to accept Carol Calkins resignation from Council Place 3 (W). **(Mayor)**

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept Carol Calkins resignation from Council Place 3 (W), very regretfully.

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

ITEM # 9: Discuss and/or take action to interview and reappoint Keith Butler and Jim Osborne to the EDC Board of Directors. **(Mayor)**

00:32:27

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to reappoint Keith Butler and Jim Osborne to the EDC Board of Directors.

The motion died for lack of a second.

ITEM #10: Discuss and/or take action to interview applicants for the EDC Board of Directors in Open Session and make two appointments with those appointments being assigned by the EDC. **(Mayor)**

00:33:53

Holland Whitten said he had lived in Gun Barrel City since 2011. This is where he lived and he was working to better his neighborhood and he'd like to serve on the EDC for the betterment of

the City. He is currently on the Charter Review Commission and working with MISD to start a Junior Achievement program.

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to appoint Holland Whitten to the EDC Board of Directors.](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #11: Public hearing to discuss the EDC's budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. **(Mayor / EDC)**

[00:38:23](#)

Mayor Baade opened the public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM #12: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2015-015 approving the EDC 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. **(Mayor / EDC)**

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2015-015 approving the EDC 2015-2016 Fiscal Year budget.](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #13: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2015-017 adopting the revised 2015 GBCEDC Bylaws. **(Mayor / EDC)**

[00:39:29](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2015-017 adopting the revised 2015 GBCEDC Bylaws.](#)

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #14: Discuss and/or take action to give formal approval to the Gun Barrel City Beautification Committee to proceed with their project to upgrade the signage design on the “Welcome to Gun Barrel City” signs. **(Mayor / Barbara Webster)**

[00:40:00](#)

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to approve the Gun Barrel City Beautification Committee project to upgrade the signage design on the ‘Welcome to Gun Barrel City’ signs.](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #15: Discuss and/or take action to approve the EDC’s CPA Engagement Letter with Theresa P. Cryer to prepare financial statements for the GBCEDC for the twelve months ending September 30, 2016. **(Mayor / EDC)**

[00:44:33](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve the EDC’s CPA Engagement Letter with Theresa P. Cryer to prepare financial statements for the GBCEDC for the twelve months ending September 30, 2016.](#)

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

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #16: Discuss and/or take action to approve the EDC’s Workco Staffing Contract. **(Mayor / EDC)**

[00:47:48](#)

This contract would be utilized by the hiring of a part-time person for two days a week which could be increased to three days a week.

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve the EDC’s Workco Staffing Contract.](#)

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

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #17: Discuss and/or take action to appoint Steven Schiff to the Charter Review Committee to replace Cheyenne Lyons. **(Rea)**

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to appoint Steven Schiff to the Charter Review Committee to replace Cheyenne Lyons.](#)

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

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A](#)

ITEM #18: Discuss and/or take action to rescind appointment of Chairperson of Charter Review Commission. **(Rea)**

[00:51:46](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to have the City Council give a directive to the Charter Review Commission to investigate the viability of clarifying the election of officers for all advisory boards namely to have all advisory boards elect their own officers without appointments by elected officials.](#)

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

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Disapprove](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

Rankin said the Charter already stated that the all Boards will assign their officers and chairmen. It's already in the Charter so we do not need to go back and review that. Rea said we evidently did need to review it because we illegally appointed a Board president to an advisory board. He wanted to make sure that it never happened again. Rankin said they had a mayor that was suggesting it and a council person who acknowledged that. Rankin felt they just needed to be cautious of it going forward but she didn't believe they needed a directive to go back and review the Charter. Rea said as long as it never happened again, he didn't have a problem.

ITEM #19: Discuss and/or take action to appoint Christy Eckerman as Interim City Manager with appropriate salary adjustments and assignment of City vehicle. **(Rea)**

[00:54:19](#)

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to appoint Christy Eckerman as Interim City Manager with appropriate temporary salary adjustments and assignment of City vehicle.

Council Member - Linda Rankin: 2nd

The salary adjustment had not been discussed.

Mickie Raney, Treasurer, said that she was speaking for all them and that Christy had the full support of staff.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to substitute the original motion to appoint Christy Eckerman as the Interim City Manager with an appropriate salary adjustment, temporarily until another City Manager is hired, of \$2,000 a month and the assignment of a City vehicle and the budget adjustment would address the temporary salary adjustments.

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: 2nd

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Council Member - Ronald Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Mayor - Dennis Baade: N\A

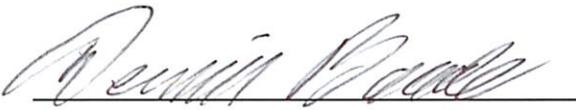
Rea felt the City was more than capable of taking the money out of the Reserve Fund for the next few months and they were asking a lot of Ms. Eckerman to stand in and do both jobs. Obviously from what Ms. Raney said Christy had the support of the staff and any time that the City staff is supportive he was happy. Mayor Baade pointed out that Christy had done this before, filling in between City Managers in the past. She was the most experienced person to do it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:


Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:


Dennis Baade, Mayor