

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

The City Council of the City Gun Barrel City Council and the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation met in a workshop/special meeting at City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Baade called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Roll was called. Marty Goss, Curtis Webster, Dennis Baade and Rodney Bevill were present. Mayor Paul Eaton and Melvyn Hayes were absent. A quorum was established.

Roll was called for the EDC. Linda Rankin, Jim Osborne, Jim Braswell, Jim Cavanaugh, Pat Cassady, Gary Damiano and Sandy Janow were present. A quorum was established.

ITEM # 1: Update on EDC – five minute presentation. **(Rankin)**

Linda Rankin gave a brief presentation updating the Council on EDC issues. Rankin said the EDC's top three priorities were: 1) finding a location for a business park; 2) the closing of the cinema and talking to vendors about how much it would take to put in signage for Heritage Cove; and 3) educating the area workforce.

ITEM # 2: Explain the grant process for Boots to Business. **(Baade)**

Mayor Pro-tem Baade stated the purpose of the Boots to Business grant was to support businesses that are, or will be, established by a veteran and/or will provide employment to veterans. The EDC's intention was to partner with local organizations and businesses to attract new development investment as well as the retention and expansion of existing businesses for ex-military in Gun Barrel City.

The grant includes a matching funds requirement of 1-to-1. For each dollar that the applicant provides toward his/her business, the fund will match those dollars up to \$50,000. Applicants will receive bonus points for selective grant criteria.

Priority will be given to projects in high growth industries, emerging markets and based on business types prioritized by the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

ITEM # 3: Explain the grant process for Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG). **(Damiano)**

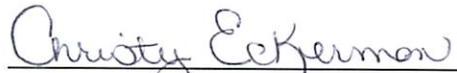
EDC member Gary Damiano said the RBEG grant was through USDA. It was a matching grant of up to \$99,900. Qualifications included 1) being a US citizen; 2) sales must be under one million dollars; 3) the number of employees must be less than fifty and 4) no large corporations are eligible to apply for the grant.

The grant is administered by a five member committee which included a banker. While this was a grant program the money was distributed as a low interest loan with a 2% interest. Requirements included a business plan, a credit check and a criminal background check. The potential uses for the money included 1) acquisition or development of land, easements, right of ways; 2) construction, conversion, renovation of buildings, plants, machinery, access streets, parking areas, utilities; 3) technical assistance; 4) loans for start ups and working capital and 5) purchase of equipment.

ITEM # 4: Future use of 380 agreements for restaurants. (Boren)

City Manger Boren discussed the future use of 380 agreements for restaurants. Fifty percent of the sales tax revenue paid to the City by a restaurant would be paid back to the restaurant over a four year period. The sales tax revenue paid to the EDC and that sales tax that was deposited into the GBCEDC Street Fund would not be included in those calculations. The City would handle restaurant contacts so the EDC could concentrate on their three priority items discussed in Item #1.

Attest:



Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:



Dennis Baade, Mayor Pro-tem