

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City met in a Budget workshop in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Friday June 7, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.

Mayor Skains called the meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum established.

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Present](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Present](#)

[Council Member - Richard Yaws: Present](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Gregory Aiello: Present](#)

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

ITEM # 1: Budget workshop to discuss the FY 2019-2020 Budget.

Mayor Skains opened the meeting by advising he wanted to give Council the opportunity to see what is on the Councils wish list. Councilwoman Rankin suggested going around the table, Mullins began by saying she is concerned with the differences in line items, what is up or down and had no requests. Rankins list included making sure to look at our equipment inventory. She stated that some of the equipment is outdated and not as efficient as it should be, specifically the street department equipment. She would like to see us get a parks and wildlife grant for our park with matching funds. Rankin advised she would like to see this year be a start to our workflow chart. She mentioned restructuring it, specifically the street department and the finance department so they can run more efficiently to get more done, overall this pertains to adding staff.

Councilman Aiello mentioned the equipment and maintenance by saying if it's not broken don't fix it. He sees there are other priorities that should come before our equipment. He thinks we are okay however the one thing he would like to see if possible would be more things for our police department. He also mentioned improvement of our streets.

Councilman Yaws mentioned events and that he would like to do more of them but be smart. He wants to see a 12 month calendar of whats going on at the lake, specifically in Gun Barrel, and maybe nationally, state and locally. He asked what else we can do for a once a month destination. His logic is what kind of traffic we see for events going on locally. He would like to see an event department but with Mickie running it. He asked how much money we contribute to grant matching and what opportunities are out there working on this throughout the year. Skains mentioned we don't publicize grants and we should.

Mayor Skains mentioned a software for the City Secretary in creating agendas and going paperless. He mentioned the park and would like to see the maintenance improve. The peer needs treatment, amphitheater needs stained, the door is beat up and the walking paths are in trouble. He doesn't know what the solution would be but he would like staff to put their heads together to come up with a plan to fix this over the next 5 years. He would like bathrooms out by the pavilion, which would allow people to come out to the park more often. We budgeted for lights in the park and we're still waiting on that. The other issues we have are that we didn't give our employees much of a raise last year. He would like to see a percentage mark for hourly employees and a performance raise for salary employees. Skains mentioned sales tax we are probably going to see a 5% increase so one of his initiatives this year is asking for an ad-valorem tax. Skains mentioned hiring a consultant to advertise this and is working on it. He

also mentioned our fire department numbers are low in volunteers and streets are bad. Exempted were mentioned regarding a property tax.

Rankin asked what money we might have set aside in this budget for the EDC or anything new. Rankin mentioned we don't have impact fees or anything to offer for growth.

The next budget workshop was suggested to be done with department heads.

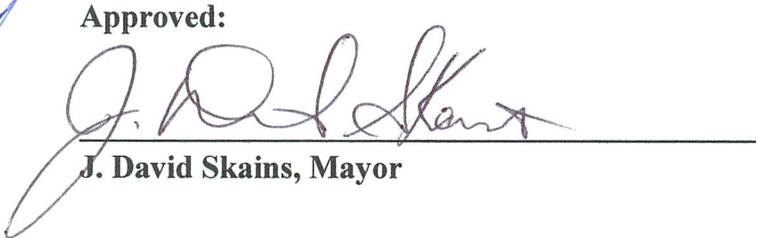
The meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

Attest:



Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:



J. David Skains, Mayor