

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 at Gun Barrel City Hall, located at 1716 W. Main St. Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Monday, **February 5, 2018** at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Braswell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and forwent the invocation and the pledges. Roll was called and a Quorum established.

Mayor - Jim Braswell: Present  
Council Member - Linda Rankin: Present  
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Absent  
Mayor Pro-tem - David Skains: Present  
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Present  
Council Member - Rob Rea: Present

**Public Comment/Citizens to be heard (Limited to 3 Minutes)** There were no public comments.

**ITEM # 1:** Discuss and/or take action to consult with Animal Shelter Agency/ies regarding services provided. (**Mayor**)

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to accept action to consult with Animal Shelter agencies.  
Mayor Pro-tem - David Skains: 2nd

Councilwoman Rankin asked if each representative could come up and give their comments.

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Clint Davis, the County attorney representing the Henderson County Animal Shelter took the podium and started off by saying they are not here in competition with the Tool Animal Shelter. He advised that the county got into the animal shelter business out of a necessity, the old humane society was closing and after much deliberation and consultation they picked up the humane society and started operating it. They see it as operating a service to the municipalities, the public, cities and to the tax payers. Councilwoman Ranking asked what their hours are. Clint advised they have committed to being available for law enforcement and city animal control services Monday – Friday 8a.m.-5p.m. Councilman Skains asked if Clint had a ratio of adoption per euthanasian. Clint advised in 2016 the euthanized percent was 59% and 2017 was 57%.

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Mayor Braswell asked how many cities in Henderson County use Henderson County Humane Society? Clint advised they have agreements with Athens, Chandler, Malakoff and Merryville. Clint ended by saying they don't want to be in this business any more than the fact that there's a need for this business. Skains asked if they ever get to full capacity and what they do with animals at that point. Clint advised those animals go into those numbers of euthanasian.

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Lanette Ainsworth, President of the Humane Society of Cedar Creek Lake spoke regarding their agency advising as a 5013C their shelter has many advantages that they pride themselves on including pet adoptions. This past year they've had over 1,000 adoptions. They have many adoption events here in Gun Barrel City and are involved in the community. She went on to speak of prior funding and budget issues the shelter has had in the past and how they have come to resolve those issues and be profitable.

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Rankin asked how many animals they took in last year. Teresa Henderson advised they took in 2,738 animals last year. Teresa went on to say their complete euthanasian rate is 34% and that includes animals that are sick, injured and aggressive. She said for space, out of all the euthanasians the percent euthanized was only 1.65% to make room for incoming dogs. Last year they held 98 adoption events. Rankin asked how 200 more animals would affect their ability to take care of them and house them. Teresa said it wouldn't be a problem.

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Councilman Rob Rea advised that as City Council members they have a responsibility to spend the money of our constituents in a forthcoming way, money is what it is and money in this city is pretty tight. He asked if there was any room for them to come down on the cost. Lanette advised in order to properly budget and care for the animals; she feels this is a fair amount. Rea went on to say the shelter in Tool has a bad reputation financially and asked how are we guaranteed that you're going to be here three months from now to fill out the end of this contract. Lanette said they are going to do everything they can do to run the business the way they have been running it this past year. Skains asked what cities they currently serve. Lanette answered the city of Eustace, Kauffman, Kemp, Kerns, Log Cabin, Mabank, Seven Points, Tool, and Trinidad, Henderson County and Kauffman County and public intakes. Skains asked if they reach capacity, she advised yes and advised they always service the contracts they have with the cities and if they have individual surrenders those are the people they may not accept those.

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**ITEM # 2:** Discuss and/or take action to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services. (Mayor)

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept the interlocal agreement with the Cedar Creek Lake Humane Society.](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - David Skains: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

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

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

[Mayor Pro-tem - David Skains: Approve](#)

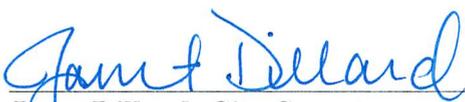
[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

  
Janet Dillard, City Secretary

  
Jim Braswell, Mayor