

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 Workshop at City Hall, located at 1716 Main St. Gun Barrel City, Texas on Friday **February 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Braswell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum established.

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

ITEM # 1: Discussion regarding multiple Council meetings a month. (Wyrick)

Discussion was made and suggested that the City Manager see to it to have at least one workshop every quarter in order to keep Council better informed and give them an opportunity to discuss City matters.

ITEM # 2: Discussion regarding setting up a Committee for the Cities 50 year Anniversary. (Wyrick)

Council discussed celebrating Gun Barrel Cities 50th Anniversary which will be in May 2019 by setting up a committee to help generate money for an event. This item will appear on the February agenda for Council to take action on.

ITEM # 3: Discussion regarding a Park Board. (Wyrick)

Discussion took place regarding re-establishing the cities Parks and Recreation Board. It was discussed that this board would work in an advisory capacity to the Council by informing them of new ideas and needs for the park. This board will consist of 6 members and this item will be on the March agenda for Council to take action on and make appointments.

ITEM # 4: Discussion regarding devising a plan to work through condemning abandoned eyesores and getting citizen participation to pay for the legal fees, clearing of property and revitalizing land. (Rankin)

Council discussed the process of getting these properties cleaned up. A budget amount of \$50,000 was mentioned and the item discussion concluded with making efforts to pick out a single property and start the process and see how it goes.

ITEM # 5: Discussion regarding improvements to the road at the north end of Harbor Point Road. (Rankin)

No discussion took place regarding this item as improvements were currently being done.

ITEM # 6: Discussion regarding animal services. (Rankin)

It was discussed that there was a possible break in communication from dispatch to animal control responding to calls.

ITEM # 7: Discussion regarding Update to the Comprehensive Plan.

There have been several proposed re-zone requests that I could not support because our charter requires that all new development conforms to our comprehensive plan. Our plan was approved in 2009, so it is at least 10 years old. We can hire a consultant or form a citizen committee or both. It may result in keeping the plan exactly as is, but the graphics on the current map could be clearer. (Mullins)

Discussion took place on getting the Cities comp plan updated. Council discussed using students vs private firms in order to complete this task. Staff is going to reach out and get more information on what it will take in order to start this process.

ITEM # 8: Ordinance for Short Term Rentals.

As a resort community we have a growing number of "VRBO" type daily rental properties, some of which have pools and spas, some of which have substandard conditions, some that have inadequate parking, and others that are wonderful. We are supposed to collect hotel/motel tax on these and they compete with hotels that are held to a higher standard. Other cities have such ordinances in place that vary from simply requiring registration with the City to a full blown health code. (Mullins)

Council discussed the concerns regarding short term rentals such as noise, parking and safety. Staff had looked into ordinances regarding short term rentals and requiring rental owners to register with the city, provide inspections to properties and such. Mayor Braswell concluded this item discussion by suggesting Councilwoman Mullins getting with City Manager to come up with a proposed ordinance to present to Council.

ITEM # 9: Zip Code

Our 75156 zip code is not recognized by USPS and not tied to GBC or even to Henderson County. It defaults to Mabank and Kaufman County. I have no idea whether the City can influence getting this corrected, or if I would have better luck via the County. So much statistical data is tied to zip code, there is no telling what we are missing out on or getting reported as Kaufman. (Mullins)

Discussion took place regarding local businesses pulling up as Kaufman County rather than Henderson County. Paperwork was presented on the process of getting this changed over and Council is going to research this more.

ITEM # 10: EDC Documentation

Documentation requirements for the EDC to present to the Council regarding request to spend EDC funds for items other than administrative.

There are two request from council regarding documentation from the EDC in regards to the governing body approving expenditures. Council needs to regroup the requirements of documentation as we are the governing body of the EDC and must approve all expenditures except administrative. (Skains)

This item was passed by Councilman Skains.

ITEM # 11: Fifty year failure of our city to obtain additional methods of income other than sales tax dollars or at least increase sales for our restaurants and retailers to improve the amount of sales tax received by the city?

We face very high risk if we lose one major retailer much less two and we have absolutely no backup plan in place. What can we do to ensure we do not loose major retailers? What can we do to increase revenues? (Skains)

This item was passed by Councilman Skains.

ITEM # 12: Discussion concerning manning of road construction. (Rea)

Councilman Rea discussed MISD and Gun Barrel Cities plans for widening this road. It was agreed that this project would fix traffic and be the first stage in future traffic flow along this road.

ITEM # 13: Discuss official opening of new fire station. (Braswell)

Mayor Braswell announced that he would like to wait for completion before official opening of Fire Station. He would like to see this done sooner than later.

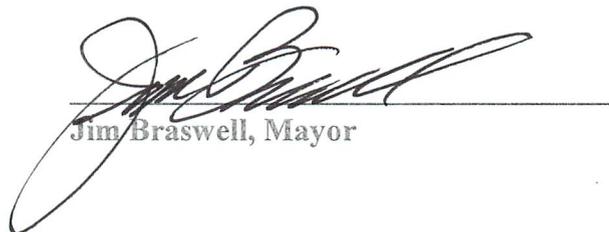
ITEM # 14: Discuss health inspections for the purpose of regulating food establishments. (Braswell)

More information regarding this topic would be on the February Council agenda, staff just wanted to make Council aware of this topic.

Attest:

Approved:


Janet Dillard, City Secretary


Jim Braswell, Mayor