

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City and the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation met in a special joint workshop in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Baade called the meeting to order. Roll was called for the Council with Linda Rankin, Anne Mullins, Ron Wyrick and Rob Rea present. Roll was called for the EDC with Steven Schiff, Jim Osborne, Gary Damiano and Holland Whitten present. Quorums were established.

Mayor Baade gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ITEM # 1: City business.**

A) Repairs on City Hall – quotes

Three quotes had been received in the amounts of \$6,450, \$7,250 and \$17,000. The first two quotes were comparable. The third quote included repairing window leaks by removing existing damaged caulk, filling and sealing all gaps around windows and applying new caulking to all windows. It was suggested that Mike Howell get quotes on just the window repairs and ask that the company with the \$17,000 bid remove the window repair from his quote so all quotes would be comparable in the scope of work.

B) Park

1) Ordinances

- a) Fee Schedule
- b) Chapter 40

The City Secretary had prepared two ordinances for the February 23 agenda. The first ordinance allowed for a minimal increase to some of the fees listed in the Fee Schedule and changed the flat rate of \$200 per team to an amount based on the number of weeks a team would play. The second ordinance removed some of the definitions that would no longer be used in the Park Facility Use Agreement. When Council asked if someone using the field to practice was required to have their own general liability insurance the answer was no.

2) Agreements

- a) Park Facility Use
- b) Concession Stand

It wasn't necessary for the Council to approve the Park Facility Use and Concession Stand Agreements. They were included in the packet as a courtesy so the Council would have a better understanding of how the facilities were run.

### C) 2016 Planned Events

#### 1) Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was being funded by \$600 from the City, \$1,000 from the EDC and \$1,550 from private donations. It would be held on Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m. There would be three age groups: 0 – 4; 5 – 8; and 9 – 12. Ten thousand filled eggs had been purchased.

#### 2) Spring Expo

Consensus of the Council was to not have a Spring Expo and put the \$300 that was budgeted towards the Business Expo that would be held at Lowe's later in the year.

#### 3) US National Lawnmower Race &

##### Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association Fiddle Contest (EDC Sponsored)

This event would be held on June 4 and June 5. Linda Rankin liked that this was going to be a national event but was concerned that it would take our Street Department employees two days to do the set up and tear down. She wanted to keep from spending overtime for staff. Mike Howell said they (the lawnmower racers) could set up the fencing and hay bales. The National Lawnmower Association would provide their own security. Howell commented there could be up to 130 racers coming from as far away as Alabama. This was not a City-budgeted event but the EDC was contributing \$6,000 to sponsor of this event. This would be a one-time event.

#### 4) July Fest

Rob Rea and Jim Osborne (EDC) thought this event should be held a week later so it didn't coincide with Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake. Mickie Raney said no one would come out a week later to celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>. The two events attracted two different audiences. Raney also stated that the promotor, Brad Weiss, would like to take over the event. The City, who had already budgeted \$65,000 for this event, would pay overtime for the Police Department and Fire Department and pay for the fireworks and Brad would take care of everything else. The City would get a small percentage of the food and beverage sales and the ticket sales. It was suggested that Raney get a written proposal from Brad Weiss and get it to the Council for consideration.

#### 5) Fall Fest

City Staff had already decided to move the car show that was usually held in conjunction with July Fest to the October Fall Fest along with the lawnmower races. It would be cooler and it wouldn't be so close to the car show held in Mabank towards the end of May. The City had budgeted \$6,000 for this event. However, this event didn't pay for itself and increasing the entry fee was being considered. Out of the \$6,000, the City paid Bill Hanstrom \$3,000 to handle the car show. Rob Rea didn't see paying Bill Hanstrom to promote the car show. He thought he could do just as well.

#### 6) National Night Out

There was \$600 in the budget for this event. It had been well organized last year.

#### 7) Monster Mash Bash

There was \$600 budgeted for this event. Last year, because we couldn't get a DJ, movies in the park were shown. It wasn't very successful. We will probably go back to having a DJ and costume contest.

#### 8) Christmas Parade & Fireworks

Rob Rea would like to see the EDC sponsor the Christmas parade. Linda Rankin thought they should stop the fireworks after the parade. Mickie Raney was in agreement. Raney also commented that after this year the Festival Fund would be down to \$56,000. Everyone expected the Festival Fund to cover the expenses for all the events. Unfortunately, the only event that put any money back into the Festival Fund was July Fest.

#### D) OpenGov software – consensus – yes / no

We received \$2,088 up front from the billboard lease - \$833 from May 2015 – January 2016 and \$1,250 from February 2017 through January 2018. Dennis Baade thought that money could pay for the software program. Ron Wyrick said they should wait until May after they've hired a new City manager. Mickie Raney commented that she had received the highest award available for the last three years without the use of special software. Consensus was 'no' we wouldn't be getting the software at this time.

#### E) Republic Waste Contract Revisions & New Contract Period – consensus – yes / no

This had been discussed extensively at the January workshop. Christy Eckerman just needed to know whether a new contract needed to be put on an upcoming Council agenda. The current contract didn't expire until September 2018. If a new contract was negotiated, the main changes would be that the City would allow the contract to start over for a seven year period instead of five and that there would be an automatic three year renewal. Republic Waste's concession would be that they would purchase a new single-axle truck and collect a 3% street use fee which the City would adopt by ordinance. The new contract would be on a future Council agenda.

#### F) Budget Review – quarterly or six-month review

Council quickly agreed a six-month review of the budget was sufficient.

#### G) ICC Training

Two sponsors had signed up which included three attendees. In addition, two City employees had planned on attending. There were concerns as to whether there were going to be enough attendees for this training to pay for itself which was the original vote by the Council. Linda Rankin asked that she be given enough time to try to make this work.

#### H) Denim & Diamonds

There were eight tickets included in the \$1,000 package that the City purchased. Ron Wyrick, Linda Rankin and Dennis Baade planned on attending. Rob Rea said he had tickets for him and his wife. Mickie Raney said City employees should be offered the chance to attend before the spouses of Council members. Mike Howell and Joseph Lindaman both said they would like to attend. With three tickets remaining, Christy Eckerman said she would check in a staff meeting to see if any other employees would like to attend. The event would be held on Saturday, April 2 at the Athens Country Club.

I) Other issues

1) Do your Homework

Mayor Baade said if the Council was placing something on the agenda for a workshop to make sure you have all your facts and documentation in time so it can be included in the packet.

2) Chain of Command

Rob Rea said he was accused of misleading Council members at the last meeting but yet Linda Rankin didn't follow the chain of command when she advertised a citizen's academy on her Facebook page.

3) Country Place Living / Streets

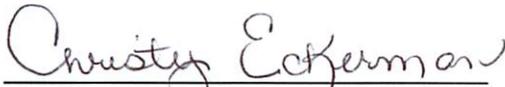
CP Homes was not going to build their facility and have backed out of the Texas Capital Fund grant. The City had already drawn \$24,303.50 from the State for this grant. The City will have to reimburse the State and then demand repayment from CP Homes.

4) Home Town Cinema

Home Town Cinema had complied with all the issues listed on their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO). As of today, they had a Permanent CO.

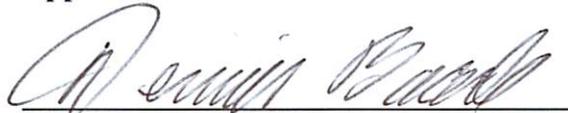
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Attest:**



**Christy Eckerman, City Secretary**

**Approved:**



**Dennis Baade, Mayor**