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The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City and the Gun Barrel City Parks and Recreation Board met in a special joint workshop in City Hall, located at 1716 Main St., Gun Barrel City, Texas on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Skains called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called for both the City Council and the Park Board. Members of the City Council in attendance were Linda Rankin, Anne Mullins, Keith Butler, Ron Wyrick. Rob Rea was absent for roll call but joined the meeting about 15 minutes in. Park Board members present were Greg Aiello, Kate Weller, Barbara Webster and Carol Strickland. Monica Damiano was absent.

ITEM # 1: Discussion regarding direction of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mayor Skains asked the Park Board to start the meeting off. Barbara Webster presented everyone with a “wish list” of possible projects, thoughts and improvements that the Park Board has interest in and wants direction on which ones would be feasible and if there is even a budget for these kinds of things. Rankin advised that she has viewed the budget and found where money can be moved and added to the Parks and Recreation budget but this would be something the Council would have to discuss. Webster advised the board would like to pick at least one project that they can sink their teeth into and go from beginning to end. She wanted to know if they have funds to do things with within the city. Wyrick advised we have a spot in the budget for donations and such to be donated into. Bauer advised there is a park fund in the budget but nothing specifically for the Park Board. Discussion took place regarding the process for receiving and using funds received from the Park Board. The final approval of allocated funds would ultimately be that of the City Council. It was discussed that any donations made to the park fund could be specific for a purpose and it would be noted in the budget for that purpose. Rankin mentioned that after we get our wish list prioritized the items could be presented to the EDC for a possible sponsorship or grant in order to get a lot of things done. Strickland advised she spoke to a grant administrator and found out that the grant match would be 50/50. Webster introduced Weller and her relationship with a writer at the Monitor who advised she is working on having them do an article and/or pictorial on the Park letting people know where the park is and what is at the park. Webster asked the Council to help the board and give the board some sort of direction regarding items on the list presented in regard to what the board might work on first. Aiello advised the list is generic in regard to their original in-depth list. Webster advised an important thing in order to get these things done on the list is making improvements in order to bring people in. Rea asked if anyone knew if the pond was stocked? Nobody thought so and Rea mentioned bringing in a stocker who he can convince to donate for free and asked if everyone would like him to pursue that possibility, the consensus was yes. Re-doing the walking trail was discussed as being a number one priority but it was acknowledged as being a big ticket item. It was noted that the Park Board received two proposals, one for concrete and the other asphalt. Shade for the skate park was discussed and proposals are being worked on by the Park Board. Webster asked for any suggestions from the Council. Butler mentioned the improvement of enclosing the pavilion for events to withhold weather conditions. Paving a parking lot for the

pavilion was also mentioned. Mullins cautioned everyone regarding ADA compliance and that almost everything on this list and items that we've discussed now require complete compliance.

Wyrick proposed a time frame of getting items/proposed projects and/or improvements back to Barbara. The Park Board's next meeting was March 19th. Rankin mentioned the street/maintenance department and the dumping at the park was an eye sore and she thinks we might consider fencing it or moving it to a new location to try and make it more appealing. Aiello mentioned having a start to a budget for the Parks and Recreation Board for little improvements that the Board can work on in order to bring in people and small events that will bring in money and donations to add to the budget. Skains closed the meeting by recapping that Council will submit a top 5 list of projects/improvements and send them to Bret who will pass them onto Barbara and from there the board can bring back to Council the costs/information pertaining to the top 5.

The list of projects/improvements from the Parks and Recreation Board included the following:

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:



Janet Dillard, City Secretary



J. David Skains, Mayor