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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City met in a Regular meeting at City Hall, located at 1716 Main St. Gun Barrel City Texas on Tuesday, February, 27 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Braswell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the State Flag followed. Roll was called and a quorum established.

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

Public Comment/Citizens to be heard (Limited to 3 Minutes)
There was one public comment: Amaris Faith of 155 Pine Bloom Blvd read a prepared statement. She states, "I'm speaking on behalf of a blighted property adjacent to mine on the west side. It's dying a slow, ugly death. My understanding is it belongs to the school district, courtesy of a law that handed it over because of unpaid property taxes. Regardless of who owns it or why, I'm puzzled about why the city hasn't tagged it as a dangerous property and taken the appropriate steps under Code 151 to clean it up. The status quo benefits no one. The county isn't gaining tax revenue. MISD certainly doesn't get the rewards the law was supposed to give it. In fact, it's gained a nuisance: Property it wasn't prepared, equipped, nor designed to deal with. The community loses too. Taxpayers make up the shortfall for lost revenues, plus foot the bill for a systemic problem. Surrounding properties suffer depreciation and young go-getters are discouraged from moving into the neighborhood. Finally, the place creates a toxic environment. It's a nesting place for squirrels, rodents, and other nasty's and wind blows disintegrating insulation and boards. The rotting frame makes an unsafe hideout for vagrants and inquisitive children. Years of woody debris and leaf build up pose fire hazards. There could be sewage problems inside. Safe, managed properties play a crucial service in community life and economic development. The as-is state of this property and others like it doesn't have to be the end state. I'd appreciate your looking into the situation and rectifying it."

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ITEM # 1: Consent Agenda: All matters listed under 'Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Consider approving the following reports:

City Manager report
January 23, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
Municipal Court – traffic and non-traffic court activity
Police Department – number of cases filed and cleared
Dispatch Report – calls for service
Animal Control – number of complaints, impoundments and citations

Fire Department/Fire Marshal – number of incidents, investigations & mutual aid
Street & Park Department – break down of monthly street & park repairs
Building Official – number of inspections and associated fees
Code Enforcement – break down of violations
EDC Minutes & Financials (December & January)

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept the consent agenda as written.
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

ITEM # 2: Discuss and/or take action to elect a Mayor Pro-tem per Section 3.05 of the City Charter. **(City Secretary)**

There were two nominations. Councilman Rea nominated Anne Mullins as Mayor Pro-tem and Councilman Wyrick nominated Linda Rankin. A vote was taken for both nominations. Anne Mullins' nomination concluded with one vote yes and three votes no. Linda Rankin's nomination concluded with one vote no and three votes yes thus making Councilwoman Rankin the temporary elected Mayor Pro-tem until a new Mayor Pro-tem election takes place in May.

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ITEM # 3: Discuss and/or take action to receive an annual report to the City Council as required by Senate Bill 1074 in regards to Racial Profiling. **(City Manager)**

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to receive the annual report to the City as required by Senate Bill 1074 in regards to Racial Profiling.
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to form a committee to oversee Gun Barrel Cities 50 year Anniversary Celebration. **(Wyrick)**

Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Motion that we form a committee to oversee Gun Barrel Cities 50th anniversary with Mr. Wyrick as the committee chair with the assistance of the city.
Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

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ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to give formal approval to the Gun Barrel City Beautification Committee to proceed with their sign project on the "Welcome to Gun Barrel City" signs. **(City Manager)**

Barbara Webster spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee. She gave information about the signs they are proposing to put on the back of the current "Welcome to Gun Barrel City" signs. She stated the dimensions will be 48" by 72", the material will be made of high density Urethane (HDU) and will have two coats of polyester primer. She stated that depending on the direction the sign is facing you should get 10-15 years out of it before it would need to be re-painted. She advised they are asking Council to approve that they go on the internet and do a special fundraiser for this project. This project will not cost the city any money.

Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Motion that we approve letting the Gun Barrel City Beatification Committee go forward with their welcome to Gun Barrel City signs.
Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

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ITEM # 6: Discuss and/or take action to spend up to $4,500 from the Hotel Motel Fund for the Gun Barrel Quilters Guild 2018 Annual Quilt Show. **(Mayor)**

Cassidy Day thanked Council for last year's Quilt Show. They are happy to have a venue to bring the Quilt Show home to Gun Barrel City. She spoke of the number of attendees they had last year and their expectations of this year's numbers.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve $4,500 from the Hotel Motel Fund for the Gun Barrel Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show.
Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

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ITEM # 7: Convene into Executive Session Pursuant to the following:

- Texas Government Code, Section 551.074
  - Personnel Matters to discuss and consider employment of the Chief of Police and Code Enforcement Officer.
- Texas Government Code, Section 551.071
  - Receive legal advice/update from City Attorney concerning State health and safety regulations.

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

ITEM # 8: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss and/or take action regarding:

- Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 –Personnel Matters
  - Employment of the Chief of Police and Code Enforcement Officer.
- Texas Government Code, Section 551.071
  - State health and safety regulations.

The City Council re-convened into Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Motion authorizing our City Manager to enter into negotiations with the candidate recommended by the City Manager as the lone finalist for the position of Chief of Police and tonight we will not be naming that person until they have gone through negotiations.
Council Member - Rob Rea: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

ITEM # 9: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance # O-2018-002 amending the Code of Ordinances and establishing Texas department of State health service regulations. **(City Manager)**

Mayor Braswell read Ordinance # O-2018-002 amending the Code of Ordinances and establishing Texas Department of State health service Regulations.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Ordinance # O-2018-002 amending the Code of Ordinances for the Texas department of State health services.
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: 2nd
Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A
Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Approve
Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve
Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve
Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: **Approved:**

Janet Dillard, City Secretary **Jim Braswell, Mayor**