

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, March 15, 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, Keith Butler, Gary Damiano and Holland Whitten present. EDC Board members absent were Megan Lindaman and Michael Slingerland. Quorums were established.

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

**ITEM # 1:** City business.

A) Repairs on City Hall – three quotes had been received.

Lake Glass & Mirror’s quote was for a total of \$1,200 to repair the frames and install end dams on both ends of two window frames and to reseal the perimeter of all 18 windows with bronze NP1 structural sealant for weatherproofing.

Action Glass submitted a quote for \$1,300 to repair 16 openings in need of black smooth polyurethane from frame to wall.

Cedar Creek Glass & Mirror quoted \$500 to cut out old silicone and redo all windows.

After discussion, Lake Glass & Mirror received the most recommendations. However, since the City Hall had taken a direct hit by high winds and lightning during the last storm, it was suggested that we wait to see if the insurance would pay for any of the damages.

B) July Fest – Beer sales / coolers

Two options were discussed. Brad Weiss, the promotor, could sell beer and beverages as he had done in the past and the City would receive a percentage of the sales. Or, the City could allow coolers to be brought in for a \$10 fee. This would allow people to bring in alcohol, water, cold drinks for their kids, sandwiches, etc. Glass bottles would not be allowed. There would be no ‘ins and outs’ allowed for the coolers. If you took the cooler out to refill it, you had to pay another \$10 to get it back inside the gates. The City would generate more revenue by allowing coolers.

C) Streets

a) Municipal Drive widening – estimate attached

The \$399,999 that the City expected to receive from the Texas Capital Fund grant which was to be used to widen Municipal Drive and to extend N. Luther Lane was lost when C P Homes defaulted on the TCF grant. An \$85,115 estimate had been received from Mundo & Associates to widen Municipal Drive. Other avenues of coming up with the money to widen the road were discussed. Braum’s had previously agreed to give the City a 15’ ROW to help widen Municipal.

Mike Howell, who had been working with Braum's, relayed the suggestion that perhaps a 380 Agreement could be done to share the cost of the widening with Braum's.

#### D) Summer Camp

Councilman Wyrick suggested having a summer camp / boot camp for the Boy Scouts. It would be a 1 – 2 week session during the summer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 – 3 p.m. There would be no cost to the City; they would use volunteers to watch the kids. Wyrick suggested they get the businesses involved and solicit donations from the businesses.

Councilman Rea said the businesses had been stretched pretty far and the same businesses were asked to donate over and over again. He suggested getting the churches involved and see if they would be willing to donate.

The big issue was the liability issue. Since this wouldn't be a City event, someone would not only have to apply for a Special Event permit, which was free, but they would have to have a \$1,000,000 general liability insurance certificate for the event.

Something of this nature needed to be more thought out and organized better.

#### E) EDC Updates

##### a) Skate park – design

Spa Skatepark, Inc. would be dropping off material the end of this week. Testing is to be done on the actual material that is going to be used.

##### b) National Lawnmower Race

This race event would be on June 11 & 12 at the lawnmower track. They were anticipating bring in 100 – 115 riders. The EDC would be donating \$6,000 towards this event.

##### c) Old Time Fiddlers Contest

EDC was supporting this event with a \$5,000 donation. Originally it was going to be on the same date as the lawnmower race but it had now become a separate event on June 18. Three-fourths of the money would go back in prize money to the contestants. Mike Horton stated he needed to be involved in all events to be held at the park because he controlled the lights and his crew did the set up for the events.

##### d) Permit / registration fees for EDC/City projects

EDC President Steven Schiff felt permit fees and contractor registration fees should be waived for all EDC projects that would become City owned properties. Interim City Manager Christy Eckerman didn't have a problem waiving permit fees for those projects on a case-by-case basis because some permit fees had been waived in the past. However, she didn't feel the contractor registration fee of \$100 should be waived because those contractors could possibly do other jobs in the City. Waiving permit fees was a big lose to our revenue and to waive the \$100 contractor registration fee would just add to the loss. At the very least, the contractors needed to fill out the application and supply a copy of their general liability insurance certificate so the City would have something to fall back on in case of default by the contractor.

F) Town Hall Meeting

- a) Reauthorization of Sales Tax for Maintenance of Streets
- b) Charter Amendments

Steven Schiff thought a better route to go was to do a mailer to the voters explaining the reasons for the propositions on the ballot and the need to vote yes. He would get a price from Sugar Rock for doing a mailer of 6 x 9 postcards. He didn't feel the turnout for a Town Hall meeting would be large enough to warrant having the meeting.

Councilman Rea disagreed and felt if we reached 30 people through a meeting it was perhaps 30 more than we would have reached.

G) Other City business.

Mayor Baade stated City Hall had been hit by lightning, insurance adjusters had been out and the staff was in the process of getting estimates for repairs. Some things had to be fixed immediately such as the phone system and the fire alarm system. Other things damaged included the electronic marquee, the parking lot lights and the TV.

The north wall of the police station had been sealed by Clay Structures and there hadn't been any leakage during the last heavy rain storm. Chief Boswell was going to get a quote on sealing the remaining three walls.

The street lights had been installed on Heritage Parkway. Mike Horton had overlaid the street with 2" of asphalt which should keep him from having to continually patch pot holes. With Heritage Parkway being touted as the City's downtown area, Horton hoped the new street lights and asphalt would entice new businesses to that area.

The Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 19 at 10 a.m.

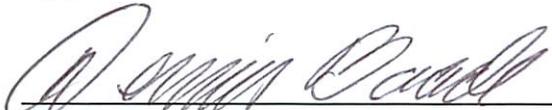
The auction netted the City about \$17,860 after expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Attest:**

  
Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

**Approved:**

  
Dennis Baade, Mayor