

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, April 17, 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](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Present](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Present](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Present](#)

City Manager, Bret Bauer introduced and welcomed Jeff Arnswald as the new Gun Barrel City Chief of Police.

Public Comment/Citizens to be heard

Councilman, Ron Wyrick thanked the Street Department for hosting the trash off this month and also the lawn mower races this past weekend. He said they did a great job.

Councilman, Rob Rea said there's so many generous people in our town that do good deeds for no reason other than the charity in their hearts. He said this past weekend the Ritas club foundation held its annual crawfish broil and fundraiser and with the generous support the foundation will be able to double down on its mission. There's no way to thank everyone for the success of the foundation but there are a few people that need to be recognized. First he thanked David and Sherri Skains of Skains Auctioneers for handling the event for them and the representatives of the city for their attendance, mainly Mayor, Jim Braswell, City Manager, Bret Bauer, Jim Osborne, Scott Coleman and Holland Whitten.

Mayor Braswell commented that the Athens Daily Review won 10 awards during the North East Texas Press Association Newspaper contest held in Granbury, TX.

Proclamation: East Texas Giving Day, April 24, 2018 – Mayor Braswell read the Proclamation.

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

March 23, 2018 Special Council Minutes

March 27, 2018 Regular Council Minutes

Municipal Court – traffic and non-traffic court activity

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 of March 13th and March 23rd 2018
EDC month end financials for March 2018

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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ITEM # 2: Discuss and/or take action to receive a report from the City Manager on the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the replatting of Lots 27-29 in the Mantle Manors Subdivision, belonging to Coy Keeling physically located at 110 Brook Valley into 2 lots, Lot 27-R & 29-R. **(City Manager)**

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to receive a report from the City Manager on the mentioned properties.](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

ITEM # 3: Public hearing to discuss replatting Lots 27-29 in the Mantle Manors Subdivision, belonging to Coy Keeling physically located at 110 Brook Valley into 2 lots, Lot 27-R & 29-R. **(Mayor)**

The public hearing was opened, there were no comments and the hearing was closed.

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to approve the replatting of Lots 27-29 in the Mantle Manors Subdivision, belonging to Coy Keeling physically located at 110 Brook Valley into 2 lots, Lot 27-R & 29-R. **(Mayor)**

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve the replatting of Lots 27-29 in the Mantle Manors Subdivision, belonging to Coy Keeling physically located at 110 Brook Valley into 2 lots, Lot 27-R & 29-R.](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to approve the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending September 30, 2017 (2016-2017 Audit). **(Misty Culpepper, CPA, LLC)**

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Misty Culpepper presented a brief explanation of the annual audit. Councilman Rea asked, do you feel City funds are being spent responsibly? Misty Culpepper answered "Absolutely". Misty thanked Mrs. Raney and

Mr. Bauer for their help in getting the audit performed quickly. She looks forward to serving the city many more years.

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Motion to approve the Annual Financial report for the year ending September 30, 2017.](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[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 re-establish the City's Parks and Recreation Board and make appointments. **(Wyrick)**

Mayor Braswell stated that this topic was brought up at the February 16th workshop by Councilman Wyrick to which staff took directive to advertise for the possibility of receiving at minimum six (6) candidates to fill the board. Staff submitted a public notice in The Athens Daily Review on March 1st and 4th and also advertised on the Cities website. Staff received six (6) eligible applications. Candidates present were: Carroll Strickland, Joe Luby and Gregory Aiello who each introduced themselves and expressed why they would like to be a part of the Parks and Recreation Board. Candidates not present were Barbara Webster, Megan Lindaman and Monica Damiano.

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Motion we re-establish the Park Board and appoint personnel.](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

Councilman Rea thanked all the people that have applied for this board. His concern is he doesn't want to see these volunteers putting forth time and effort in on wasted funds. He asked the sponsor of this item (Wyrick) what exactly do you expect this board to accomplish. Wyrick answered by saying he wants this board to look at the park in a different view than the past people that did and see what we can do as a group to move forward with more activities at the park, for children to do, try to get some associations in here, look at what their ideas are for future growth of the park, look at grants that would make the park bigger and better. Rea then asked, how do you expect to fund the improvements to the park. Wyrick said that is one of the jobs of the park board, to see what's good for the park, we have some good people on the board to reach out and try to figure out where we could fund this, through associations and other means.

Mayor Braswell called for a vote for each candidate. All candidates received a yes vote.

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ITEM # 7: Discuss and/or take action to interview applicants for the vacant EDC Board of Directors position in Open Session and make one appointment to expire in September 2018. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Braswell advised there is one (1) vacancy on the EDC Board whose term will expire 09/2018. Staff submitted a public notice in The Athens Daily Review on March 21, 2018 and also on the City's website

seeking Volunteers to serve on the EDC Board of Directors. The deadline for applications was April 9, 2018. Staff received two (2) applications and both applicants were present who spoke regarding their interest in serving on the EDC Board.

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to proceed with the vote on the candidates for the EDC Board of Directors open position.](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

Mayor Braswell called for a vote starting with candidate, Jan Wynn. The candidates received the following votes: Jan Wynn- 3 votes yes, Gregory Aiello- 2 votes yes, 1 vote no.

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ITEM # 8: Second Reading of Resolution # R-2018-001 for an EDC loan of \$150,000 to Michael Huskisson of Tip Top LLC. **(EDC/Rea)**

Mayor Braswell gave the second reading of Resolution # R-2018-001.

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ITEM # 9: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution # R-2018-001 for an EDC loan in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to Michael Huskisson of Tip Top LLC. **(EDC/Rea)**

EDC Director, Lee Peterson gave a brief background of the operations of this business and the loan requested. Councilman Rea asked if Lee could tell us a little bit about the history of Mr. Huskissons borrowing from the EDC. Lee answered saying the EDC has done business with Mr. Huskisson before for his auto repair business, Mr. Huskisson borrowed that money and paid it back early. Rea also asked if Lee could tell us about the value to the city of Mr. Huskisson's auto business and what he's made available to you as his plans for the future. Mr. Peterson replied by saying Mr. Huskisson is currently operating in Payne Springs but he needed to move due to the building leaking and not being big enough for him to do his work. A building is currently being built on Dunnaway St. and once the building is complete Tip Top Auto will be moving back to Gun Barrel.

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Resolution # R-2018-001 for an EDC loan in an amount not to exceed \\$150,000 to Michael Huskisson of Tip Top LLC.](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

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ITEM #10: Discuss and/or take action to approve a grant to Tom Robertson, Venture Properties, for improvements at 127 W. Main Street, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. **(EDC)**

Mayor Braswell asked EDC Director, Lee Peterson how did we come here today with an idea of this grant. Lee replied by saying this grant was an idea of the EDC and Council people. Mayor Braswell asked Mr. Peterson who suggested the grant and Mr. Petersons reply was Councilwoman Linda Rankin.

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve a grant to Tom Robertson, Venture Properties, for improvements at 127 W. Main Street, in an amount not to exceed \\$20,000.](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Absent](#)

[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve](#)

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve](#)

ITEM # 11: Convene into Executive Session Pursuant to the following: Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters to discuss the organization of the Code Enforcement Department. **(Mayor)**

Both Items 11 and 12 were removed from the agenda by Mayor Braswell at the meeting.

ITEM # 12: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss and or take action regarding the Organization of the Code Enforcement Department. **(Mayor)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Attest:


Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:


David Skains, Mayor