

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City met in a budget workshop in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Monday June 26, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Braswell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll was called with the following Council members being present: Linda Rankin, Anne Mullins, David Skains, Ron Wyrick and Rob Rea and a quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Mayor Braswell, City Manager, Bret Bauer, City Secretary, Janet Dillard, Street Superintendent, Mike Horton, Building Official, Shannon Wiggins, Police Chief, Damon Boswell, Fire Chief, Joey Lindaman, Associate Judge, Grace Wallace and City Treasurer, Mickie Raney.

ITEM # 1: Budget workshop to discuss the FY 2017-2018 Budget.

Mayor Braswell started the meeting by announcing that there is an agenda amendment for the Council Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017. We will be postponing items #10-12 to the July Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Braswell turned the table over to City Manager, Bret Bauer opened up asking if Council had any questions regarding the budget.

Councilwoman Anne Mullins asked if there was any additional solicitation for trash services. Bret Bauer answered no but advised that City Hall has an ongoing list of grievances regarding our trash service.

Mayor Braswell asked about the increase in percentages for anticipated revenues for the Licenses and permits and the miscellaneous revenues. Mickie Raney answered these numbers are increased due to the ESI's that are taking place this year and the miscellaneous income is due to the EDC office space rent due each month (\$1,000.00 per month).

Bret Bauer advised there is a proposed \$14,000 increase in the Police Department Budget for rifles and body cameras. Linda Rankin asked how many this amount would buy. Bret advised this amount wouldn't be enough for every officer but he would like to see at least 4 body cameras purchased.

Councilman Rob Rea made the statement, one lawsuit could cost thousands of dollars in itself and having a body cam could easily save us problems. Police Chief, Damon Boswell advised there are a lot of legalities that come with having body cams.

Councilman David Skains asked about the amount shown on the Admin supplies list under #5205 which is titled Employee Recognition. Bret Bauer said this was for Employee Jackets.

David Skains said he would like to find room in our budget for an Event Coordinator position. Discussion of a workshop took place to discuss this more in depth. He said he is open to other suggestions that would help bring in revenue to the City as well.

There was discussion of a proposed Ad-valorem tax.

Councilman Ron Wyrick didn't think the maintenance of park grounds amount was high enough. He asked about the Fire Department water service and why this amount was up. Bret Bauer answered this is due to the second fire station.

Ron asked what the \$10,000 was for in the Building/Code enforcement budget. Shannon Wiggins advised there are a lot of lots that they cannot find the owners of. This would be for the department to start mowing high grass and weeds. Rob Rea said there should be a legal remedy to confiscate property if we cannot find the owners. He suggested we go to a title company to help us confiscate these lots.

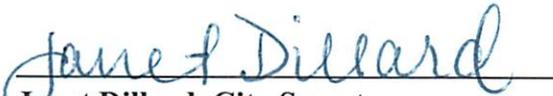
Ron Wyrick asked about the street lights budget. Mickie Raney advised that the street lights that weren't finished last year we are budgeting for next year.

Linda Rankin suggested Council have another workshop after the budget to discuss David Skain's idea of an Event Coordinator position.

Lastly Linda Rankin asked how we got the 4% increase. Bret Bauer answered saying we got this number based on the history and where we are at so far this Fiscal Year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest:


Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:


Jim Braswell, Mayor