

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City met in a workshop in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Monday July 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Skains called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Roll was called and a quorum established.

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Present](#)
[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Present](#)
[Council Member - Richard Yaws: Present](#)
[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Absent](#)
[Council Member - Gregory Aiello: Present](#)
[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Present](#)

Also in attendance were department heads including, Janet Dillard, Mickie Raney, Jeff Arnswald, Joey Lindaman, Shannon Wiggins, Grace Wallace and overseeing the Street/Parks Department, Mike Howell.

Mayor Skains skipped to Item #2 to begin.

ITEM # 1: Workshop to discuss the FY 2019-2020 Budget. **(City Manager)**

City Manager, Bret Bauer began by saying that all department heads have been given their budget and been meeting over the past few months, since department heads were present today he wanted to utilize them to answer any questions the Council may have. All department heads went through their individual budgets to explain any changes that were being suggested.

City Secretary, Janet Dillard advised a small change in her education as she was planning to attend three seminars this next Fiscal year as well as implementing an agenda management software that would cost \$3,300 annually.

City Treasurer, Mickie Raney advised the audit amount was going up \$500 as well as an additional cost for investment training. A mention of street light cost was brought up. Bauer advised that one POA is very behind on their payment and we are at the point of having to turn them off or force them to pay. Rankin mentioned she would like to see more education for this department.

Associate Judge, Grace Wallace advised they are wanting to increase their internet speed and change their software program.

Mike Howell explained what maintenance of building/all grounds was as there was a misunderstanding of what all they covered. Putting code enforcement overseeing ground maintenance was discussed. Rankin mentioned she'd like to see more clean up, if this means more man power then we need to hire more employees.

Police Chief, Jeff Arnswald advocated for adding a position for social media that would also be a liason for our schools, churches, POA's and such. There was an increase in the K9 officer. Rankin mentioned a concern with safety and welfare of our citizens with the lack of police officers. She mentioned adding 2 more officers and asked what this cost might be. Arnswald mentioned the salary differences in our city to surrounding cities and he's not sure what the solution would be to keep officers. Mayor Skains mentioned the possibility of putting code enforcement under PD instead of Building. Building Official

Wiggins said he's seen different cities do this either way and it wasn't uncommon. Arnswald also mentioned a generator increase as well as adding two new vehicles to the department. Building Inspector, Shannon Wiggins advised he has added more money to property cleanup. Rankin asked about equipment to scan plans and keep a digital copy in office. Fire Chief, Joey Lindaman mentioned increasing the compensation for volunteer firefighters. He added gear as well as a storm siren that would be located at Tom Finley Park. Mike Howell said there was not much changing in his budget although they could really use a new backhoe & dump truck. Rankin mentioned including money in the budget for matching grants. Jeff Arnswald mentioned our Humane Society contract amount nearly doubling this next year so he is planning for this. Lastly City Manager, Bret Bauer advised that they have put \$100,000 into the budget for planning services. He advised we no longer have any 380 agreements, this will be the first year with no expense to that. He is going to look into re-doing the POA streetlight contracts or finding out our options, provisions and such regarding these. Employees salary was mentioned which presented a 2% increase across the board.

ITEM # 2: Discussion regarding forming a Charter Review Committee. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Skains noted that in the past each Council member chose 2 members to be a part of this committee (making a total of 10 members) He advised that staff has been keeping up with amendments that need to be looked at and will help educate the committee on suggestions they have. Mayor Skains advised he'd like to see this committee made up of fresh faces. It was determined that this item will be on the regular July Council meeting agenda and Council members are to have their names ready.

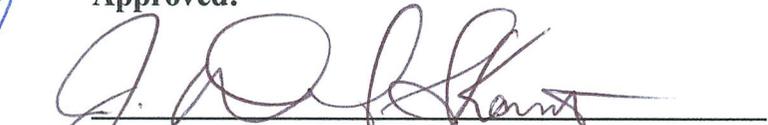
The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:



Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:



J. David Skains, Mayor