

STATE OF TEXAS *
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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 July 10, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem, David Skains called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll was called with the following Council members in attendance: David Skains, Rob Rea, Ron Wyrick, and Linda Rankin and a quorum was established.

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

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

Councilman David Skains turned the table over to City Manager, Bret Bauer who explained the updates that were made from the previous budget workshop, including added body cameras subscription. He then turned it back over to David Skains who began going through a power point presentation he prepared regarding a Community Event Coordinator. (The power point presentation is attached to these minutes)

David Skains opened the floor for questions.

Ron: The hardest part will be finding the money to do this.

David: If we don't do this now while the lake levels are high what are we going to do when levels are low?

Linda: We need to diversify and not depend on the lake.

Rob: it was a very thorough presentation but it's a lot to swallow at one time. He agrees with Ron regarding the money. He suggested hiring someone who works and gets paid on commission.

David: His goal with this is to start small and work big. Working smaller events and working their way up to bigger events.

Linda: One competition we will have is the new water park being put in Seven Points in 2 years.

David: We have a lot to work with using the venues we have.

Ron: brought up grants and asked if there was anything out there for this. No one was positive but didn't believe there were grants available.

Rob: What about bringing in firms on larger events?

David: Sometimes paying these firms multiple times in a year you'll end up paying them more than you would having someone on staff.

Ron: What about getting rained out?

David: You can't control the weather, that's going to happen. That's why we should have multiple events.

Ron: Agrees with Rob on what they bring in giving them a percentage.

David: thinks we will have a hard time hiring someone who would agree to working on commission.

Bret: Advised Council that He needs to know if this is something they want to pursue so we can modify the budget accordingly or leave it as is.

Mickie: This isn't just hiring a person, we would have to modify the budget to have money for these events also.

Linda: We are looking at \$80,000 for this budget at least.

Bret: There needs to be a general consensus in order to pursue this direction.

Rob: Where would we look for this money in the budget?

David: It's not councils place to direct staff on how to come up with the money.

Linda: I can't take the money out of the departments, they need every bit of it.

David: Is for it.

Ron: We have robbed departments, if the money can be found he is okay with it.

Mickie: The only direction we can take is to take from the Hotel/Motel fund

Linda: We need a director to come in and help us in directing.

Rob: is opposed to any director coming in but as far as the event coordinator is concerned he has a couple things.

1. We are two weeks out before the deadline of the budget. This is the first time on paper the Council has seen this.
2. Suggested having the EDC bring someone in to oversee an event and we can learn from them and utilize their findings.

Rob proposed bringing someone in on an event basis. You either succeed or we don't use you again. The cost he's not sure of, the other thing is in the marketing of the City. His suggestion would be to ask the EDC for their help. He agrees something has to be done but proposed going to the EDC and then utilizing some of their funds and then transitioning it into a city employee position.

David: Is willing to give it some time to look into a consultant and revisit it in October. He suggested staff look at different options and give it some exposure to find out how much it would cost. Everyone agreed to leave the budget as is and start looking into other ways to make this possible.

Mickie: Asked what direction we should take in pursuing this. Do we want these to be paid events or not? She is not concerned about the job itself, she's worried about the money for these events.

David: He thinks a mixture of paid and non-paid events is what he's looking at.

Linda: Had a question regarding the street maintenance sales tax for 17-18, It shows a fund balance of \$286,761, Maintenance due to General Fund is \$41,000 and the Capital outlay is \$600,000, Her question is regarding the Outsourced Re-Construction – line 5403 – do we outsource all of this?

Mike H: We do repairs in house and then outsource what we can't do.

Bret verified that Staff will begin looking into different options/consultants and getting quotes and will revisit with Council with the findings. Everyone agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:


Janet Dillard, City Secretary


Jim Braswell, Mayor