

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, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Skains called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and a quorum established.

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Present](#)
[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Present](#)
[Council Member - Anne Mullins: Present](#)
[Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Present](#)
[Council Member - Rob Rea: Present](#)

Council Announcements/Comments:

Mayor Skains spoke about July Fest this month and advised it was probably the best event in the history of July Fest's. He presented a softball trophy to the City on behalf of their win against Mabank in the 2nd annual softball game. Mayor Skains thanked all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. Councilman Rea spoke in order to foster some transparency and to unveil a potential new program that the EDC is very excited about. They have discussed a new residential building stimulus program in which the EDC will pay all building permit fees for any builder constructing a new residence in the city limits. It gives the city a great marketing opportunity and keeps the money in the city.

Citizen Comments:

Amaris Faith thanked Code Enforcement regarding the property at 147 Pine Bloom that has been tagged as an unsafe building and things are moving forward on that. Ms. Faith asked if Council would announce in public forum statistics regarding the consent agenda items as this isn't something the public sees or hears about. She asked if Council could pass an ordinance restricting anymore mobile homes being moved into the city limits. She mentioned the safety factor with living in mobile homes versus site built homes as well as the depreciation factor of the home and their neighborhoods. Lastly she spoke regarding the cities vision of bringing high paying jobs with benefits into the city.

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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

June 26, 2018 Council Minutes

Financial – Budget vs. Actual Expenses – Year to Date (May)

Municipal Court – traffic and non-traffic court activity

Police Department – number of cases filed and cleared

Dispatch Report – calls for service

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 & Financials
GBC 50th Anniversary Committee Minutes

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept the consent agenda.](#)

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

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

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

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

ITEM # 2: Budget presentation. **(City Manager)**

No questions or comments were made.

ITEM # 3: Public hearing to discuss the City's budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.
(Mayor)

The public hearing was opened; the only comment made was a note that this proposed budget is available online for anyone to view.

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-007 adopting the City's budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. **(City Manager)**

Mayor Skains read the Ordinance aloud and asked for discussion. Councilwoman Rankin noted she went through this budget line item by line item and advised that there are some line items that are filled with possibilities that we have not had before and there are some items that last year we did not use. She has asked the City Manager that in 6 months we go back and amend our budget if any of those items are not being used and allocate those funds to some other account. There are some points that she is not in total agreement with but it is in standing with where we've been the last 4 years and since we know we can make amendments to this budget she is okay with that. Councilman Rea noted that he thinks the City Manager and his staff did a tremendous job of this budget and he recommends approval of it. Councilman Wyrick mentioned he wants to make a change to line item 5406 (Festival Funds) from \$6,100 to \$20,000 for the 50th Anniversary. Mayor Skains called on the City Manager regarding this topic and the City Manager reverted back to the funds that this committee was supposed to acquire and bring before Council. Mayor Skains advised that one of the rolls of this committee is to raise funds. Mayor Skains thought it would be wise that if the committee decided that they needed any extra income they bring that before Council and they can amend the budget at that time because as of now they don't have anything in front of them specific stating the need. Councilman Rea commented that 6 weeks ago Council had a budget workshop and was advised by the City Manager that if they had any questions or concerns to bring them to him and he would address

them while he was doing the budget. Rea's suggestion would be to detail what they're going to spend the money on then come back and if we have to make an amendment we can do that. It was concluded that should there be a desire by the committee to ask for more money this can come back before Council. Councilwoman Rankin noted that the City Council has been working towards having a Comprehensive Plan completed and we have allocated money in our budget to complete this. She also noted that under tuition and education she has found that in past years this has been neglected and she hopes to see all of this money used this year.

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-007 adopting the City's budget for the 2018-2018 Fiscal Year.](#)

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

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

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

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

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ITEM # 5: Public hearing on proposed tax rate which will be set at zero. **(Mayor)**

The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments made.

ITEM # 6: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-006 calling a Special Election for November 6, 2018 to fill the vacancy of Council Place 3 (West) with a term ending May of 2019. **(City Manager)**

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt #O-2018-006 calling a special election for November 6, 2018 to fill the vacancy of Council Place 3 \(West\) with a term ending May 2019.](#)

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

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

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

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

ITEM # 7: Discuss and/or take action to approve an Interlocal agreement in the amount of \$6,132.50 with Henderson County to conduct the City's November 6, 2018 Special Election. **(City Manager)**

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve an interlocal agreement in the amount of \\$6,132.50 with Henderson County to conduct the City's November 6, 2018 Special Election.](#)

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

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

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

ITEM # 8: Discuss and/or take action to accept the resignation of Barbara Webster from the 50th Anniversary Committee. **(Mayor)**

[Mayor Pro-tem - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept the resignation of Barbara Webster from the 50th Anniversary Committee.](#)

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

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

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

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

ITEM # 9: Public Hearing to discuss the EDC budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. **(EDC)**

The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments made.

ITEM # 10: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2018-002 approving the EDC's 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget. **(EDC)**

Councilwoman Rankin advised she had a few questions regarding the budget. EDC Executive Director, Lee Peterson took the podium to answer these. Rankin stated that the EDC's total income was \$471,855 and their expenses right off the bat, \$300,000 of the \$471,000 goes immediately as grants. She asked him to explain why his intentions are to do that. Mr. Peterson advised that the programs were developed a long time before he came here and the façade program has really taken off in the short term and they are looking for more of those in the next year. He feels, because these programs are so popular he thinks it's something they need to continue. Councilwoman Rankin asked is it not possible that some of these could have actually been a 2% loan. Peterson said they look at a variety of things regarding the project and make a determination on the type of loan from there. Rankin mentioned she doesn't see any of the income or payments on the loans they are carrying. She asked if that is something they should be seeing. Peterson said he's not sure why Council isn't seeing that but they are getting returned about \$38,000 a year. Councilwoman Mullins noted that the city has it in their budget to cover the cost of a comprehensive plan.

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2018-002 approving the EDC's 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget.](#)

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

[Mayor - J. David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

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

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

ITEM # 11: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code: 551.071 – “Consultation with Attorney” Legal aspects of annexation. **(Mayor)**

Council convened into executive session at 7:07 p.m.

ITEM # 12: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss and/or take action regarding City boundaries and Mabank annexation. **(Mayor)**

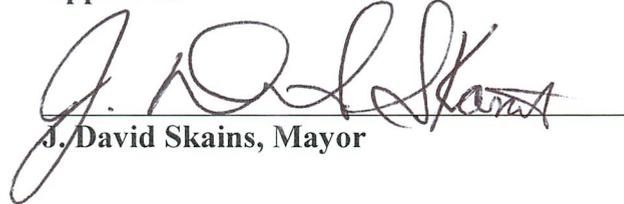
Council re-convened into Open session at 7:30 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Attest:


Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:


J. David Skains, Mayor