

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 in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 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 followed. Roll was called and a quorum established.

Mayor - Jim Braswell: Present

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Present

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Present

Council Member - David Skains: Present

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Present

Council Member - Rob Rea: Present

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Steven Schiff, EDC President, presented certificates of appreciation from the EDC to Police Chief Damon Boswell and Fire Chief Joseph Lindaman for their departments' dedication and hard work at the event. Schiff then presented them with checks from the donations that were collected at the Rock the Park event for their department's use. He estimated that there were 1,800 to 2,000 people in attendance at the event. He thanked the committee, Michael Slingerland, Jim Osborne and Megan Lindaman, and volunteer, Marty Mullins, for his help at the event.

Mayor Braswell acknowledged that the City Manager, Bret Bauer, held a burger and hot dog lunch for all the employees on September 15.

Citizen Presentations: **(Limited to 3 Minutes)**

00:10:34

Rob Rea thanked the EDC and the committee that put the Rock the Park event together. There were a lot of out-of-town people in attendance. Rea was approached by one of the food truck vendors about opening a brick and mortar business in Gun Barrel City. That justified everything that the EDC had been doing in the last year to year and a half. The Police Department, the Fire Department, the Boy Scouts, Sugar Rock, the City Manager, the Street Department, they were all right there. Everybody that mattered was pretty much there. Unfortunately, David Skains was not available to attend but he had a health issue with his wife. Other than that, everybody that mattered from the City Council, the EDC Board, the committee, everybody was there to support. It was one of the proudest moments he had had of Gun Barrel.

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Steven Schiff, EDC President, read a statement about how they prepared their minutes.

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Harry McCune, representing First Presbyterian Church of Mabank, said the church would present a religious program, Religion and Public Affairs – A Lecture on How Religion Interacts with Public Policy, on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. He left flyers for those interested in attending.

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 **August** reports:

City Manager report

August 23, 2016 Council minutes

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 – cost break down of monthly street repairs & park expenses

Building Official – number of inspections and associated fees

Code Enforcement – break down of violations

EDC August 2 & 8, 2016 minutes and July financials

[Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet.](#)

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

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

[Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve](#)

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

[Council Member - David Skains: Approve](#)

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

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

ITEM # 2: Discuss and/or take action on whether to approve a 0.9% Consumer Price Index rate adjustment allowed in the Republic Waste Contract for Solid Waste Collection & Disposal as stated in Paragraph 12.02, to be effective October 1, 2016. **(City Manager)**

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The City Manager wanted to make the Council aware of the effective date of October 2013 that was in the letter. He didn't know if that was a typo but didn't want the Council to approve anything that would make the effective date retroactive back to October 2013. Laura Capehart with Republic Waste replied that it was a typo and the effective date would be October 1, 2016.

Councilman Wyrick made a motion to approve Item #2 but it failed for lack of a second.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve a Consumer Price Index Rate Adjustment in congruent with what the actual Federal numbers are for Consumer Price Index numbers as long as it does not exceed 0.9%.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to table this item until the next City Council meeting and have the actual CPI number from the Federal government brought to us and the contract form.

Council Member - David Skains: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Capehart said the contract required them to use the Dallas Forth Worth Index. Skains said maybe they should have a special meeting.

ITEM # 3: Discuss and/or take action to approve an EDC donation not to exceed \$1,500 for the Gun Barrel City Toys for Tots Christmas in October event. **(Mayor / EDC)**

00:25:06

Rankin commented that since she was an active participant with Toys for Tots and felt she had a conflict of interest. Therefore, she was going to abstain from any discussion and voting on this item.

Jane Horton, Toys for Tots President, explained that they help needy families in Gun Barrel City, Seven Points, Payne Springs, Mabank, up to County Line Road in Kemp and some of Tool. She makes sure that Toys for Tots help the people that really need help and that they aren't double dipping with other agencies. Mrs. Horton acknowledged all the volunteers who help make this a successful organization. The even would be held at the Payne Springs Fire Department because there wasn't any place in Gun Barrel City

that was large enough. The money would be used to pay for the food, supplies needed for the event and on the kids.

Steven Schiff clarified that the \$1,500 would be a sponsorship not a donation. Councilman Wyrick asked for a legal opinion about whether the EDC could sponsor a 501c(3) corporation. Schiff said there had been a legal opinion previously written for the Denim and Diamonds sponsorship.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve an EDC expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 for the Gun Barrel City Toys for Tots Christmas in October event.

Council Member - David Skains: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Abstain

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Abstain

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

Note: Wyrick's abstention was actually a 'No' vote because he didn't have a true conflict of interest in this item.

ITEM # 4: Discuss and/or take action to approve EDC expenditures not to exceed \$1,000 for Steven Schiff and Holland Whitten to attend the TEDC Tax Workshop in Houston, Texas on September 22. (**Mayor / EDC**)

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve EDC expenditures not to exceed \$1,000 for Steven Schiff and Holland Whitten to attend the TEDC Tax Workshop in Houston, Texas on September 22.

Council Member - David Skains: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to approve EDC expenditures not to exceed \$6,000 for a planned GBC / EDC Business Round Table to be held on October 19th in Gun Barrel City. (**Mayor / EDC**)

00:34:05

Schiff said this would be a very structured meeting with a brief presentation as an opening. The bulk of the meeting will be questions and answers. They were anticipating 150 people not counting Council and EDC people. This would be held at Vetoni's.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve an EDC expenditure not to exceed \$4,000 for a planned GBC / EDC Business Found Table to be held on October 19th in Gun Barrel City.

Council Member - David Skains: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

ITEM # 6: Presentation from the EDC relating to GBC event planning and management. **(Mayor / EDC)**

00:39:56

The EDC presented a proposal for event planning and management.

ITEM # 7: Discuss and/or take action to set up a skate park competition / event in an effort to bring in outside interest from an extended area. **(Skains)**

00:44:20

Skains read the following prepared statement: When the EDC approached the Council to build a skate park a couple of years ago, it was with the intent to bring in visitors to our city, be that made up of the weekend population or skate boarders from Tyler, Dallas, Arlington, Ennis, Corsicana or wherever. The EDC did a great job of presenting the park to the local citizens and promoting it through advertising at the local movie theater.

Just like my kids traveled from city to city to play baseball, young people today travel city to city to use different skate parks. The young men that were on the advisory committee traveled to Arlington and Grand Prairie on a regular basis to use their park. Tyler has a park; Lufkin is in the process or considering one now.

I believe the best way to promote our park to outside visitors would be to have a competition on a larger scale, big enough to grab a lot of attention. Our park is small; it wasn't built as a competition park. It doesn't have a bowl in it but I think that can be an asset if we would use it.

Does this make sense or not; I don't know at this point. That's what I would like to find out.

What I'm asking for tonight is for the Council to approve Mickie Raney to investigate and report back to the City Manager and Council on 1) is it feasible to hold an event, 2) what would it cost to hold the event including prize monies and 3) when would be the best time to hold the event. I would suggest that she contact Yann Curtis with Skate Parks of Austin for suggestions. I had spoken to him briefly and he felt that even though we opted not to build a competition park, with the right amount of prize money, we could draw a lot of contestants. Yann said they would come out of the woodwork for as little as a \$5,000 total purse. Keep in mind, these events can take from 2 to 3 days to hold so we would be able to use Hotel Motel money. Sporting events require a 50% occupancy for using hotel motel money but I believe we can achieve that.

Council Member - David Skains: Motion that we direct Mickie Raney to look into all aspects of holding a skateboard competition at the GBC skate park and report her findings to the City Manager and City Council, including but not limited to the feasibility of holding the event, cost, prize money recommendation, sponsorships, cost of event planners and timing of the event.

Council Member - Anne Mullins: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Disapprove

Rankin asked if this was something they could hold a workshop on. Skains said he thought that's what they would do.

Rea was 100% in agreement about an event at the skate park. His problem was why we would make the City Treasurer in charge of it. Skains replied that she had, historically, been in charge of most of the events that the City had done, i.e. July Fest, the Kadie Lynn parade. Skains felt it came more under her bailiwick than it did anywhere else in the City. Skains said he was more a proponent that events are planned by the City since the City is more consistent in its leadership than the EDC.

ITEM # 8: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to 551.074 – Personnel Matters – to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. **(Mayor)**

00:49:44

Mayor Braswell recessed the open meeting at 7:19 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

ITEM # 9: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2016-032 amending the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. **(City Manager)**
00:50:48

Mayor Braswell reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2016-032 amending the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget.

Council Member – Rob Rea: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

ITEM #10: Discuss and/or take action to approve job descriptions in relation to the reorganization of the Building and Code Departments. **(City Manager)**
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Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve job descriptions in relation to the reorganization of the Building and Code Departments.

Council Member - David Skains: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N/A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Approve

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Approve

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest:


Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:


Jim Braswell, Mayor