

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

The City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City, Texas met in a regular meeting, in City Hall, located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Woods gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Roll was called. Ronnie Johnson, Curtis Webster, Dennis Baade, Melvyn Hayes and Rodney Bevill were present. A quorum was established.

Citizen Presentations: (Limited to 3 Minutes)

Rob Rea thanked the GBC Chamber for hosting the Candidate Forum for our elected officials to be held on May 1. This shows that this organization has a true ambition to see the City through some hard times. Unfortunately, some of the officials or potential officials don't see this as an opportunity to state their views and let the citizens make an informed decision on who to vote for. It was his understanding that one of the candidates was going to be on vacation until after the election. This showed a lack of involvement in the City's best interests. This type of official was not what the City needs at a time when businesses are fleeing the City in favor of other municipalities around the lake. Rea encouraged every candidate and incumbent to take part in the Candidate Forum if for no other reason than to explain their stances in public and let the citizens of this City make informed decisions.

Pastor Dennis Woods thanked the 2010-2011 City Council, EDC, Police Department, Fire Department and City Manager for the unification in insuring our community is excelling in things that are criminal, questionable and detrimental to our community such as allowing strong-arm tactics by those who have an issue with doing business in our community, exchanging and aiding the alcohol problem that exists in our community by tying hands of our Police Department to enforce ordinances involved, to insure our convenience stores now look like liquor stores and places that enhance liquor improvements, encouraging eating establishment with family atmospheres to go out of business, to invade our parks and recreational areas with alcohol, for the introduction of gambling and _____ monetary gain, for the atmospheric change to aide thieves in the sale of their stolen properties, for running citizens out of the neighborhoods because of the lack of stopping drug dealers on their streets, for introducing organized crime into our community, for closing eyes to under aged drinking and _____, by embracing those in which other communities consider to be undesirable businesses, for excessive waste of tax revenues, for seldom being swayed in your decisions no matter legal opposition or the statistics pertaining, for allowing vice in ordinance enforcement, by allowing those addressing Council to be intimidated and heckled through their presentations.

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 **minutes** of the **March 27, 2012 Council meeting, the minutes of the Joint Council and P&Z meeting of April 2, 2012** and the following **March reports**:

- Financial – Budget vs. Actual Expenses – Year to Date
- 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 Department – cost break down of monthly street repair
- Building Official – number of inspections and associated fees
- Code Enforcement – break down of violations and garage sale applications/fees
- EDC minutes and financial report

Webster moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Hayes seconded. All Council members voted ‘aye.’ Motion carried.

ITEM # 2: Continue the public hearing for Item #7 from the March 27, 2012 Council meeting to: Discuss adding a definition for residential building lines to Chapter 155, Subdivision Regulations and Chapter 156, Zoning Code. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing. City staff had talked to some area builders about building lines. The City Attorney had written the ordinance and sent an email explaining that the distances of the setbacks were not being changed. This ordinance was clarifying the definitions to show what was actually considered a front yard, what counted as a side yard and what part of a lot was the rear yard. The same definitions and diagrams were being added to both the zoning ordinance (Chapter 156) and the subdivision regulations (Chapter 155) so they would be consistent. The existing definitions, which conflicted with the new ones, were being deleted. Instead of trying to amend many different sections throughout Chapter 156 to use one single term, i.e. ‘building line’ and ‘building setback line’, the City Attorney found it less confusing to simply stated in 156.004 that those terms all meant the same thing and were interchangeable.

The public hearing was closed.

ITEM # 3: Remove from the table and discuss and/or take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2012-005 adding a definition for residential building lines to Chapter 155, Subdivision Regulations and Chapter 156, Zoning Code. **(Mayor)**

Webster moved to remove from the table and take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2012-005. Baade seconded. All Council members voted ‘aye.’ Motion carried.

ITEM # 4: First reading of Resolution #R-2012-005, EDC Project 2012-002, Christine Morrow - DBA Kingdom Children's Learning Center. **(Mayor)**

The EDC requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2012-004 which will be included with a Rural Business Enterprise Grant for the GBC EDC. **(Howell)**

When applying for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant for the EDC, the 1997 resolution was included showing the original EDC Board. The grant people requested an updated resolution listing the names of the current EDC Board members. Until that updated resolution was received, the grant review was on hold. This was a \$99,000 grant to help small businesses. This resolution didn't change the terms of the existing Board members.

Baade moved to adopt Resolution #R-2012-004. Bevill seconded.

Webster questioned whether Baade had a conflict of interest because he also served as a current EDC Board member. To avoid any problems, Baade withdrew his motion. Bevill withdrew his second.

Webster moved to adopt Resolution #R-2012-004. Bevill seconded. All Council members voted 'aye.' Motion carried.

ITEM # 6: Second reading of Resolution #R-2012-005, EDC Project 2012-002, Christine Morrow - DBA Kingdom Children's Learning Center. **(Mayor)**

The EDC requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

ITEM # 7: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2012-006, EDC Project 2012-002, Christine Morrow - DBA Kingdom Children's Learning Center. **(EDC / Mayor)**

The EDC requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

ITEM # 8: Discuss and/or take action to change the official newspaper. **(Webster)**

Webster said since the Cedar Creek Pilot had become, totally, a part of the Athens Daily Review, he no longer felt it was a local paper. The importance was that when the City advertised bids and public notices that it be advertised where our citizens would be more likely to see those notices. For the most part, that would be the Monitor.

Johnson said the advantage to having a daily paper was you could get the notices out easier and faster. Mayor Wood cancelled his subscription to the Athens paper after six months because he felt it was more of an Athens paper than a Cedar Creek Lake paper. Hayes commented that the Athens Daily Review was geared more toward Athens events not the Cedar Creek Lake area.

Webster moved to change the official newspaper from the Athens Daily Review to the Monitor. Hayes seconded. All Council members voted 'aye.' Motion carried.

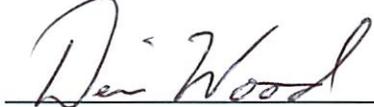
The City Manager reminded the Council that there would be a training session in May and more information would be distributed to them.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Attest:


Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:


Dennis Wood, Mayor