

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, November 15, 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

Citizen Presentations: None

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 **October** reports:

City Manager report

October 25, 2016 Council minutes

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

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

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written.

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 # 2: Discuss and/or take action for our City Manager to report to Council at our January meeting details pertaining to hiring a Tourism / Event Director that would report to the City Manager. **(Skains)**

00:03:19

Skains said a couple of years ago they looked at one of the better avenues to generate revenues for the City was in the area of events. As good of job as the City staff has done in the past with the planning of events, he felt it was a little bit taxing on the staff to continue to do that and he would like for the City Manager to look into what the cost would be and all the details pertaining to hiring a Tourism / Event Director that would report to the City Manager.

Council Member - David Skains: Motion for the City Manager to report to Council at the January meeting details pertaining to hiring a Tourism / Event Director that would report to the City Manager.

Council Member - Linda Rankin: 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 # 3: Discuss and/or take action to reschedule the December 27th Council meeting to December 20th due to the Christmas holiday. **(City Manager)**

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to reschedule the December 27th Council meeting to December 20th due to the Christmas holiday.

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 # 4: Discuss and/or take action to interview applicants for the Board of Adjustments in Open Session and make appointments. **(Mayor)**

00:05:10

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to table this Item until the next meeting on December 20th.

Council Member - David Skains: 2nd

Wyrick said there was a Board member's application in the packet and she was sitting in the audience ready to be interviewed. Rea said he tabled it because he had been approached by two different citizens who had never served on a City Board and they didn't realize that this position was available. He was a proponent of bring as many new people into the City government that they could get and he wanted to see these two people to be able to submit their applications.

Rankin said the Mayor approved putting this item on the agenda and she felt the Mayor had the right to decide so she left it to him.

Christy Eckerman, City Secretary, asked if she could make a comment. The Board of Adjustments (BOA) was a five member board with two Alternate Board Member positions. Although there were not a lot of variance requests to come before the BOA, it was a very important Board and their decision was final. It took four affirmative votes from the Board to approve a variance. If there were only four members on the Board, it might be unfair to someone requesting a variance because if their request was denied by a three to one vote, their only course of action would be to file an appeal in District Court. Ms. Black had served on this Board and had submitted her application for reappointment to be heard tonight.

Rankin made an amendment to the original motion.

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Motion to move forward with the vote on the applicant, Patsy Black, to the Board of Adjustments with a term to expire December 2018.

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: 2nd

Mayor - Jim Braswell: N\A

Council Member - Linda Rankin: Approve

Council Member - Anne Mullins: Approve

Council Member - David Skains: Disapprove

Council Member - Ron Wyrick: Approve

Council Member - Rob Rea: Disapprove

ITEM # 5: Discuss and/or take action to approve spending up to \$5,000 from the Hotel Motel Fund for a Texas Tournament Zone Bass Fishing Tournament on Cedar Creek Reservoir and have the weigh-in headquarters at Big Chief Landing. **(City Manager)**

00:10:21

John Ward, the Marketing Director with TTZ, gave a brief overview of the tournament that he was proposing to hold in Gun Barrel City. They were looking at March 3 & 4, 2017 as the dates for the event. They usually had between 400 and 600 anglers participate in the tournament. They pay out 90% cash at their tournaments. TTZ has partnered with Skeeter Boats which is interested in doing a demo boat event on Friday. TTZ was asking for \$5,000 which would be used for advertising which in turn would promote Gun Barrel City as a fishing destination.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to approve spending up to \$5,000 from the Hotel Motel Fund for a Texas Tournament Zone Bass Fishing Tournament on Cedar Creek Lake.

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: Discuss and/or take action to adopt Resolution #R-2016-011 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to contribute funds to the State equal to 3.4% of the cost of the right of way acquisition and utility adjustments for proper development and construction of the State Highway System. **(City Manager)**

00:24:25

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to adopt Resolution #R-2016-011 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to contribute funds to the State equal to 3.4% of the cost of the right of way acquisition and utility adjustments.

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 # 7: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters – to discuss the position of City Secretary. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Braswell recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

ITEM # 8: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss and/or take any action on the appointment of the City Secretary position. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Braswell reconvened the Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

Council Member - Rob Rea: Motion to extend a contract offer to the discussed applicant and leave it up to the City Manager as far as the contract negotiations.

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 7:29 p.m.

Attest:


Christy Eckerman, City Secretary

Approved:


Jim Braswell, Mayor