

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 Council Chambers, located at 1716 W. Main Street Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Brian Crull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **INVOCATION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL & QUORUM** – Roll was called and a quorum established. Members in attendance included, Mayor Brian Crull, Mayor Pro-tem, Rita Evans, and Council members, April Burns, Jennifer Jacobs, Jay Burson, and Ken Foster.

5. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to three minutes)**

Amaris Faith of 155 Pine Bloom on behalf of the petitioners committee to repeal Ordinance No. O-2024-022 advised we submitted over 300 signatures on October 16th and are awaiting the certificate of sufficiency which should kick off the next phase. This is for the City Council to either repeal it or send it to the voters. Faith mentioned reasons she believed the Ordinance to be unjust and stated the public should have been made aware of the ordinances' suspension right away.

Kerri Kirksmith advised our last meeting was disheartening as he watched three members of the Council deny volunteer help in forming a committee to assist in ordinance reviews.

Kirksmith continued by saying, it seems like you don't have enough faith in your constituents and he encouraged Council to stop kicking this down the road.

Kate Weller of 129 Camino Robles advised at last nights P&Z meeting she was reappointed as chair for her final year of service. She shared there are vacancies on this board and encouraged interested citizens to apply or inquire.

Rochelle Hammer presented a binder full of certificates of the cats that she has either spayed or neutered over the past year stating she has done all of these out of pocket.

Hammer continued, we need ordinances like O-2024-022 and surrounding cities to adopt similar ordinances until such time the state finally makes it law. Hammer encouraged pet owners to get your pets spayed and/or neutered.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.A The following reports were included in the consent agenda: September 4, 2024, special meeting minutes, September 24, 2024, special and regular meeting minutes, and EDC August financials.

Jennifer Jacobs made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. April Burns seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.A Presentation of quarterly department reports including City Secretary and City Treasurer. (City Manager)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised as we've discussed over the last few months in our one-on-one meetings, we are taking on a new way of presenting department information to Council. Going forward, starting with this October meeting, each department will be in front of City Council quarterly to present what is going on in their department and they will tell the story from their department so Council has a much more interactive experience with our department heads. Smith advised we will still approve quarterly financials reports as called for in the charter.

City Secretary, Janet Dillard and City Treasurer, Mickie Raney gave their quarterly department reports, reporting on July, August and September. Key highlights included compliance with the Cyber Security training for the city, 21 open records requests fulfilled, two liens released totaling over \$4,000, an update on the referendum petition was given as well as voting information for the 2024 general election. Upcoming expiring contracts were mentioned as well as city staff training at the annual TML conference. City Treasurer, Mickie Raney gave a quarterly update on financials but concluded that these numbers are not final as the year is not yet closed.

7.B Consider and take action to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-012 approving an amendment to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #CDV21-0086 with the Texas Department of Agriculture. (City Manager)

Mayor Brian Crull read the resolution header aloud. City Manager, Angela Smith advised we've conducted two public hearing on this amendment to a grant for the Longleaf project and this is the final step for TDA.

April Burns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-012 approving an amendment to its Community Development Block Grant contract #CDV21-0086 with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Ken Foster seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

7.C Consider and take action to spend up to \$5,000 from the Hotel Motel fund for the Gun Barrel Quilters Guild 2025 annual quilt show. (Mayor)

Kim Johnson from the Quilters Guild advised they are requesting an amount of \$5,000 which is what they use to be able to rent the venue for their show which is at the C.R. Legacy center here in Gun Barrel City. Johnson stated they do a raffle quilt and all the proceeds of that go back into the community. It was noted this event brings in over 600 people from all over and the Quilters Guild would really appreciate the city's support another year.

Rita Evans made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 from the Hotel Motel fund for the Gun Barrel Quilters Guild 2025 annual quilt show. Jay Burson seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

7.D Consider and take action to make appointments to the Board of Adjustment.
(City Manager)

City Manager, Angela Smith stated at the last meeting in September we had a work session where we talked about appointments to boards, then we had items on the agenda to formally take action. The BOA was accidentally left off but we do need to get these members appointed. Smith stated from the work session, the following names were discussed for appointment as a consensus, Scott Coleman, Sue Alexander, Tiffani Bayless and Charles Ligon as an alternate.

April Burns made a motion to appoint Scott Coleman, Sue Alexander, Tiffani Bayless as full members and Charles Ligon as an alternate. Ken Foster seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

7.E Presentation of annual progress report on behalf of the Parks and Recreation board per section 34.05 of the Code of Ordinances. (City Manager/Parks)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised the code requires the Parks Board to do an annual report to City Council and they have been working on this for several months. Shelley Coleman of the Parks board shared some accomplishments of the board over the past year including a new welcome sign and three directional signs for the park entrance. Two murals on the park bathroom and concession area, the board celebrated Dark in the Park with sponsorships, participated in the Trunk or Treat event and Christmas parade as well as Julyfest. Items they are working on or towards included updates to the pickleball courts, disc golf, resurfacing the walking trails. Mayor Brian Crull recognized park board members, Monica Damiano, Shelley Coleman, Gilbert Shelby, Elga Desautel, Foster Brady and Renetta Burson.

7.F Consider and take action to move the November 26, 2024, regular meeting date to November 19, 2024, due to the holiday week. (City Manager)

City Manager, Angela Smith advised both items 7.F & G pertain to moving the regular City Council meeting date which falls on holiday weeks. Staff is recommending moving both weeks up to the Tuesday prior.

April Burns made a motion to move the November 26, 2024, regular meeting to November 19, 2024. Rita Evans seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

7.G Consider and take action to move the December 24, 2024, regular meeting date to December 17, 2024, due to the holiday week. (City Manager)

Jay Burson made a motion to move the December meeting from the 24th to the

17th because of the holiday week. Rita Evans seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 7.H Public hearing regarding a petition requesting voluntary annexation of 7.98 acres located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction ("ETJ") of the City. (Mayor)

Mayor Brian Crull opened the public hearing, there were no comments and the hearing was closed.

- 7.I Consider and take action to approve a service plan for 7.98 acres of proposed annexed property. (City Secretary)

City Secretary, Janet Dillard stated this property lies both in the city limits and in the ETJ. Dillard gave a timeline of events regarding the petition request and shared the process for voluntary annexations. There were no questions and the Mayor called for a vote.

Ken Foster made a motion to approve a service plan for 7.98 acres of proposed annexed property. April Burns seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 7.J Consider and take action to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-027 annexing 7.98 acres of property into the city limits and extending the boundary of the city. (City Secretary)

Mayor Brian Crull read the ordinance header aloud.

Ken Foster made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-027 annexing 7.98 acres of property into the city limits and extending the boundary of the city. April Burns seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 8.A Consider and take action to approve an EDC lease agreement for the property known as 1720 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas. (EDC office and conference room) (EDC)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised this is the annual lease agreement that we do each year with the EDC to allow them to use our office space on the end of the building and our conference room. This lease provides \$750 a month to the city and this agreement would be for a total of three years. It was noted this agreement has been in place since 2011.

Jennifer Jacobs made a motion to approve an EDC lease agreement for the property known as 1720 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, EDC office and conference room. Rita Evans seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 8.B Consider and take action to approve a "no cost" lease agreement with the Gun

Barrel City Economic Development Corporation as related to the property having a legal description of "8.101 acres, AB 794 G.T. Walters sur. Mid-Cities Prop, Blk B, lots 5,6 & N/pt of lot 7. (EDC)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised this is another lease we approve annually with the EDC. It is a no cost lease and this is the lawnmower track and the property surrounding. Smith stated on a side note, the lawnmower racetrack was rated number one in the state for 2024 so our team takes pride of this and are very proud of it. This agreement was changed from an annual to a three year term.

April Burns made a motion to approve a "no cost" lease agreement with the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation as related to the property having a legal description of "8.101 acres, AB 794 G.T. Walters sur. Mid-Cities Prop, Blk B, lots 5,6 & N/pt of lot 7. Rita Evans seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 8.C Consider and take action to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-013 approving a real estate contract between the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation and a Texas Non-profit corporation for the sale and conveyance of an approximately 1.44-acre tract of land situated in the G.T. Walters survey, Abstract No. 974. (EDC)

Mayor Brian Crull read the resolution header aloud. City Manager, Angela Smith stated this property is at the corner of Church Street and Luther Lane extension behind Whataburger. This will finalize the paperwork necessary to sell the land to our local dentist who will then build a facility there and operate her dental practice and her sleep apnea practice out of that location.

Jennifer Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-013 approving a real estate contract between the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation and a Texas Non-profit corporation for the sale and conveyance of an approximately 1.44-acre tract of land situated in the G.T. Walters survey, Abstract No. 974. Rita Evans seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9.A Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas local government code 551.074 - personnel matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager. (Mayor)

The City Council convened into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to conduct the annual evaluation of the City Manager.

- 9.B Reconvene into open session to take any action necessary as a result of the executive session. (Mayor)

The City Council reconvened into open session at 8:35 p.m. and no action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:



Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:



Brian Crull, Mayor