

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 Special Meeting in City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1716 W. Main Street Gun Barrel City, Texas, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Brian Crull called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **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.

3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no citizen comments.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 4.A Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.087 - Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Hillsdale development. (45 minutes)

The City Council convened into executive session at 4:02 p.m.

- 4.B Reconvene into open session to take any action necessary as a result of the executive session.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 4:55 p.m. and the following motion was made. April Burns made a motion that we allow the City Manager to do the negotiations/deliberations for Hillsdale Development Group. Jennifer Jacobs seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 5.A Discussion regarding Interlocal Agreement with Payne Springs for law enforcement Services. (30 minutes)

Chief Stephens advised this agreement began with the Chief of Payne Springs coming to him asking if we'd be interested in providing services for them. Stephens advised this would not add any more stress on our manpower. It was noted that other cities may follow suit once this agreement takes place however they would be considered based on size and activity for appropriate cost. Stephens shared details about Payne Springs stating they have about 10-15 calls for service a day, and two officers total. Stephens noted this contract would not be providing police services, it is strictly dispatch and housing for inmates. City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith stated no action will be taken on this tonight,

however it will be on the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.

5.B Discussion regarding animal control ordinance and next steps. (30 minutes)

Mayor Brian Crull moved to item 5.C and came back to 5.B where Council moved down to the workshop tables. City Manager, Angela Smith advised she needs a consensus from Council tonight on the direction staff needs to take regarding animal control and the referendum received this month.

April Burns advised she would like to repeal the ordinance at the next meeting and have town hall meetings to get input from citizens and amend the ordinance. This was the consensus among other council members as well.

5.C Consider and take action to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-014 directing staff to file an application for a fiscal year 2025 SB224 Catalytic Converter grant. (5 minutes)

Mayor Brian Crull read the resolution header aloud. Police Chief, Keith Stephens advised this is for a license plate reader that will be placed in miscellaneous places around town. There is a one-time install fee and is a great investigative tool we can use to assist with crimes. Having this will allow us access to other cameras. We will be applying for this grant each year, its about \$3,000 for each camera. Theres over 10 billion plates read each month and they are all over the place around the lake. Other local entities like Mabank, Mabank ISD and Payne Springs are also installing these so we'll be able to communicate and gain access to those as well. Renewals would be \$18,000 per year after. It was noted that renewals could be assisted by applying for the grant each year.

Ken Foster made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-014 directing staff to file an application for a fiscal year 2025 SB224 catalytic converter grant. Rita Evans seconded and all members voted to approve.

5.D Discussion regarding Ordinance Review Committee and next steps. (30 minutes)

City Manager, Angela Smith gave a couple options Council could consider regarding a legal review stating we could have our City Attorney review our ordinances to make sure they are in line with state law, Civic Plus could also do this for a fee of about \$4,500. Smith stated this would need to be a mid-year budget adjustment as it was not budgeted for. The consensus was to have a legal review done. Smith suggested we let our legislature get through the next session before we do a legal review. A separate decision would be to establish a review committee of citizens that could review ordinances and assist is finding discrepancies and changing problematic ordinances. The consensus among all members was to also form this committee. It was noted the draft resolution presented to Council included each elected official selecting two individuals each totaling twelve members. Smith advised the Council to send two names each to her in the next week, so staff could include the names on the resolution to come

back to Council at the regular November meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

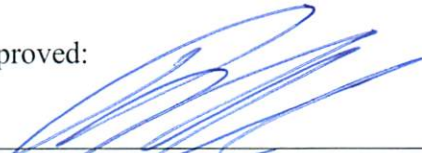
The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Attest:



Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:



Brian Crull, Mayor