

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, November 19, 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.

Mayor Brian Crull recognized audience members including, Fire Chief, Joseph Lindaman, Police Chief, Keith Stephens, P&Z chair, Kate Weller, Former City Council member, Cindy Key, and Chairperson of the Park Board, Monica Damiano.

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

Amaris Faith gave a brief timeline of the animal control ordinance and shared her views on this and other “just in case” measures she feels the city is implementing with no data to back up its need for that much power. Faith ended by stating we must change core city leadership.

Debbie Meiser, a member of the animal advocacy committee of Reach thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts in updating the animal ordinances. Meiser offered their services to help in any way.

Mark Visscher shared his opposition of the animal control ordinance stating animal control barely picks up dogs and are strapped financially and you want to add more tax.

Kerry Kirksmith requested the Council work with TxDot to get left turn lanes put in at 334 and 198 at Municipal.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6.A The following reports were included in the consent agenda: October 22, 2024, meeting minutes and EDC September financials.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.A Presentation of quarterly department reports including Court, Code Enforcement, Building, Police and Animal Control. (City Manager)

Associate Judge, Grace Wallace, Building Official, Shannon Wiggins and Police Chief, Keith Stephens gave their quarterly department reports, reporting on August, September and October. Key highlights included a 128% increase in credit card collections from last year's court report, new hire of a permit assistant, Lauryn Henson, demolition of 119 Hidden Valley, remodel of Lakeside animal clinic, new hire police officer, Ratliff, officer of the year recipient to Greg Ceraso, and Gun Barrel Night out success.

- 7.B Presentation of life-saving award to Gregory Ceraso, Jason Raney and Colby McBride. (City Manager)

A video clip of body cam footage was played prior to honoring three first responders for their life saving success from an October 21st fire. City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised these gentlemen went into the home with no gear in an attempt to rescue a bed bound man and disabled woman.

- 7.C Presentation and discussion regarding Republic Waste Services and ordinance agreement extension. (City Manager)

Leigh Furguson with Republic Services presented a PowerPoint presentation. Key highlights included the long term partnership since 1999, the continued support received through city events, clean ups, beautification and more. Current services levels were given and proposed changes in the new contract were mentioned including an automated sideload truck, increased roll off allotment to 20 and a \$5,000 financial contribution annually to support park-related capital improvement projects. Pricing proposals for a five year and a seven year term were given stating a seven year, the residential rates would not increase until January 2027, with a five year term, rates would increase May of 2025. City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith inquired about the possibility of a recycle dumpster for citizens, Furguston stated we can absolutely do that and we will dig into it more.

- 7.D Presentation by City Secretary of certification of sufficiency of referendum petition for Ordinance No. O-2024-022 received from Petitioners' Committee pursuant to Article VI of the City Charter. (City Secretary)

City Secretary, Janet Dillard advised she did certify over 200 valid signatures and the Council had two options tonight, repeal the ordinance or send to the voters. A timeline of the petition was given. It was noted in a prior meeting the consensus among Council was to repeal the ordinance so a repealer was drafted and included as item 7.E.

- 7.E Consider and take action to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-028 repealing

Ordinance No. O-2024-022 regarding animal control. (City Manager)

Mayor Brian Crull read the ordinance header aloud and asked for a motion. City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised once action is taken on this we will defer back to the animal ordinance that we have been enforcing since the petition was submitted, however, we are still taking voluntary registrations and doing chipping.

April Burns made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-028 repealing Ordinance No. O-2024-022 regarding animal control. Ken Foster seconded and all members voted yes to repeal.

7.F Consider and take action to make appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

The following motions were made and voted on. April Burns made a motion to nominate Sharla Johnson. Jennifer Jacobs seconded and all members voted yes to appoint. Ken Foster made a motion to nominate Rob Rea. Jay Burson seconded and the vote passed with a 3-2 vote with April Burns and Jennifer Jacobs voting no. April Burns made a motion to nominate Gilbert Shelby. Ken Foster seconded, and all members voted to appoint Mr. Shelby.

7.G Consider and take action to adopt a policy prohibiting TikTok and Associated Social Media Services. (City Manager)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised in January of 2023 the governor passed the statewide model security plan for prohibiting certain technologies, TikTok being one that was prohibited in December of 2022 so this policy prohibits people from downloading the app to a city-owned device that would use our city network as the provider.

Ken Foster made a motion to adopt a policy prohibiting TikTok and associated social media services. Jay Burson seconded and all members voted yes to adopt.

7.H Consider and take action to enter into an interlocal agreement with Henderson County for child abuse, investigation and law enforcement services. (City Manager)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised this agreement provides a partnership with Henderson County's sheriff department to provide child protection in sexual abuse and child endangerment cases. It was noted that the \$50,000 budgeted expenditure contributes to a person that is able to respond immediately from a call of our Police department regarding this type of crime.

April Burns made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with Henderson County for child abuse, investigation and law enforcement services. Jennifer

Jacobs seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 7.I Consider and take action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Payne Springs for law enforcement services. (City Manager)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised this agreement would provide dispatch and warrant holdings for the City of Payne Springs.

Ken Foster made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Payne Springs for law enforcement services. April Burns seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 7.J Consider and take action to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-011, establishing an Ordinance Review Committee. (City Manager)

Mayor Brian Crull read the Resolution header aloud and asked for a motion. City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith advised after receiving clear direction from Council, the consensus was to do a mid-year budget for a full legal review of all ordinances but to get started on a general review and update through this committee. Smith stated the resolution originally called for twelve members, at the special meeting it was discussed that the goal was for each elected official to provide two names, but if you did not have two people to nominate, there were others that could. Staff received a total of nine names and the resolution language was amended to read, "up to twelve" members.

April Burns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2024-011, establishing an Ordinance Review Committee, Jennifer Jacobs seconded and all members voted yes to adopt.

- 7.K Consider and take action to make appointments to the Ordinance Review Committee. (City Manager)

City Manager, Dr. Angela Smith read the list of nominated names given by the Mayor and/or Council including, Linda Rankin, Gilbert Shelby, Marty Mullins, Kerri Kirksmith, Cindy Key, Keith Bond, Kate Weller, Shelley Coleman and James Slack. It was noted an additional name was originally added and then withdrawn by the Council member, leaving only nine names.

April Burns made a motion to make appointments to the Ordinance Review Committee as read by the City Manager. Jay Burson seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

8. PLANNING & ZONING

- 8.A Public hearing on a request from Desirae Coffelt to grant a special use permit to Rogue Rhino Tattoo located at 722 W Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas owned

by DBL-J Properties 1 LLC to allow for a Tattoo and Piercing Studio. (Mayor)

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

- 8.B Consider and take action to adopt Ordinance #O-2024-029 granting a special use permit to Rogue Rhino Tattoo located at 722 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, owned by DBL-J Properties 1 LLC. to allow for a Tattoo and Piercing Studio. (City Planner)

Mayor Brian Crull read the Ordinance header aloud. Brittany Lewis gave a timeline of events for this special use request and presented a PowerPoint presentation including notification information, photos and references to the code. It was noted that this business was recently granted a special use at a separate location and they are just moving to a bigger location.

Jennifer Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-029 granting a special use permit to Rogue Rhino Tattoo located at 722 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, owned by DBL-J Properties 1 LLC. to allow for a Tattoo and Piercing Studio. Ken Foster seconded and all members voted yes to approve.

- 8.C Public hearing on a request from Cortney Crapanzano to grant a special use permit to perform permanent cosmetics at ETX Inject Cosmetics & Wellness, physically located at 1829 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas. (Mayor)

Mayor Brian Crull opened the public hearing, there were no comments and the hearing was closed. It was noted that this action item was withdrawn from the requestor.

- 8.D Public hearing for a request from Hillsdale Development Group LP to approve a preliminary plat for Hillsdale Phase 2 a 5.857 acre tract, situated in the J.P. Brown survey, Abstract No. 59 for 23 single family lots and 3 open space lots located in the City of Gun Barrel City. (Mayor)

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Attest:


Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:


Brian Crull, Mayor

