

ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
September 13, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA" or "Authority") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Athens Municipal Water Authority Headquarters, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mike Peek, President
Ed Gatlin, Vice President
Don Foster, Secretary
Milburn Chaney, Board Member
Frank Lunceford, Board Member

absent: Don Foster, Secretary

others present: Bill Casey, AMWA Executive Director; Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney; Beth McConnell, AMWA Office Manager;

guests of note: Gary Whittle, City of Athens; Monte Montgomery, City of Athens Mayor; Ryan Adams, City of Athens; Mike Finney, City of Athens; Chief Buddy Hill, Athens Police Department

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted to wit:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President Peek.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest declared.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Monte Montgomery, Mayor of Athens, commented that he is pleased with the cooperation between staff of the Authority and the City. He also commented that the City would begin internal discussion regarding the upcoming contract review/renewal. Lastly, Mayor Montgomery commented on the annual staff evaluations on the agenda. The mayor commented that the current staff of the Authority is outstanding and hopes that the Board will take that into consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, and seconded by Director Lunceford to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2017 Regular Session and the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Special Session Board Meetings, as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Gatlin presented the financial statements.

Director Gatlin presented the monthly bills for payment. A motion was made by Director Chaney and seconded by Director Lunceford for payment of those bills. This motion carried unanimously.

President Peek explained that that the Board was moving the following items to the end of the meeting:
Presentation regarding the 2017-18 fiscal year budget
Public hearing regarding the 2017-18 fiscal year budget
Discuss and adapt a resolution setting the 2017-18 fiscal year budget

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON DECLARING 0.018 ACRES, A M BUTLER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 94 (ADJACENT TO PENINSULA POINT SUBDIVISION LOT 57) EXCESS PROPERTY, AND CONSIDER SALE OF THE SAME

Executive Director Casey explained that a surveying error in the 1960s misidentified a small section of the 448 msl. The owner of the adjacent property would like to purchase the Authority's property above the 448 msl, to move the property line to the correct 448 msl line.

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Chaney, to declare this property excess and consider sale of the same to Jon Parker, for all costs related to the sale. This motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN AMENDED VARIANCE REQUEST TO RULES & REGULATIONS REGARDING LAKE ATHENS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 1, SIZE OF A PIER OR BOATHOUSE, ORIGINALLY APPROVED MAY 10, 2017, TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL 100 SQUARE FEET FOR TWO JET-SKI LIFTS (P A TAYLOR LOT 38, HISEY)

Executive Director Casey explained that most adjacent property owners to Lake Athens do not realize that jet-ski lifts count against the square footage that they are allowed for their boathouses. The Hisey's approached the Authority and would like to add two (2) jet-ski lifts to their previously approved size variance.

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Lunceford to approve the amended variance request. This motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Casey gave his Executive Director and Chief of Police reports.

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Gatlin, to approve a resolution adopting the Investment Policy for the 2017-18 fiscal year. This motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551

A motion was made by Director Lunceford and seconded by Director Chaney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, deliberating the annual employment evaluations and wages of the employees of the Authority (Texas Government Code section 551.074) and consultation with the attorney of the Authority regarding the required third year anniversary review of the City of Athens contract. This motion carried unanimously and the Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 8:23 A.M.

At 9:02 A.M., a motion was made by Director Lunceford and seconded by Director Gatlin to return from Executive Session. This motion carried unanimously.

No official action was taken during the Executive Session. President Peek did explain that a contract review subcommittee will be formed to work with the City of Athens, and that he has appointed Directors Lunceford and Gatlin.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Executive Director Casey gave both the audience and the Board an overview of the budget that the Board could adopt for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

PUBLIC HEARING REAGARDING THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Chaney to open the public hearing at 9:11 a.m.

Mr. Mark Carroll, asked what the net position loss for this fiscal year would be. Office Manager McConnell explained that while the Authority had a net position loss for the 2016-17 fiscal year, due to the number of capital asset projects, the Authority would actually have a new position gain for the upcoming fiscal year. He also commented that he didn't see the need for security fencing and gates at the Authority's headquarters.

Several Lake Athens adjacent residents commented that they believed that the money earmarked for security fencing and gates at Authority headquarters (\$35,000) should be used to treat/remove Lake vegetation.

After the hearing moved from discussing the budget, to discussing the perceived vegetation issues of Lake Athens, a motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Gatlin to close the public hearing at 9:21 a.m.

DISCUSS AND ADOPT A REOLUTION SETTING THE 2017-18 FISCL YEAR BUDGET

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Chaney, to adopt a resolution setting the budget containing: \$1,095,083 in estimated income, \$936,346 in expenses, and \$1,750,000 reserved for future well development. This motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Chaney and seconded by Director Lunceford to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 A.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of October 2017.

Mike Peek, President

ATTEST:

Donald A. Foster, Secretary