REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 13, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Athens with the following members present, to-wit:

Mike Stover, President
Ed Gatlin
Steve Sparkman
Joe Whatley
Charles Elliott

Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director
Pam Watson, City Secretary
Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities
Bill Magee, Lake Inspector
Martin Bennett, A.M.W.A. Attorney

others present: Tyler Hendrickson, and other interested citizens;

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

Director Stover called the meeting to Order.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2013 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Director Sparkman, seconded by Director Gatlin to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT
A) STATUS REPORT ON LAKE ACTIVITIES

Bill Magee, Lake Inspector
1) Lake level is 436.33 m.s.l.
2) Updated on boat dock construction

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COLLECTIONS CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE FOR COLLECTION OF 2013 PROPERTY TAXES

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Whatley to authorize the Collections Contract with Henderson County Tax Office for Collection of 2013 Property Taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

A motion was made by Director Sparkman, seconded by Director Whatley to appoint Smith, Lambright & Associates as Auditor for fiscal year ending 9/30/13. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, recommended the bid for removal and disposal of sludge be awarded to low bidder, Terra Renewal, at a cost of .038 per gallon. A motion was made by Director Whatley, seconded by Director Gatlin to award the bid for removal and disposal of sludge to low bidder, Terra Renewal, at a cost of .038 per gallon. The motion carried unanimously.
ENGINEER’S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Tyler Hendrickson, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers, updated on fencing behind the dam and preparation for seeking bids.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1) 2.43 acre lot inside Oakwood Subdivision has been cleared, with plans to plant rye grass in October. Several inquiries have been made concerning the property and Pam Watson, City Secretary, will maintain a list of interest.

2) An Ad-Hoc Committee has been created with the Athens Property Owners Association to discuss issues with wakeboard boats, however, any decisions will be brought before the Board for action.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Director Whatley, seconded by Director Elliott to approve the payment of statements, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Mr. Pirkle presented and reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 with the Tax Fund totaling $745,350 and the Revenue Fund totaling $93,632. He explained that the current tax rate is .124673 and the proposed budget was prepared with the same tax rate.

The Board discussed possible expenditures for future well projects. Tyler Hendrickson stated that the Thornhill Group should have a preliminary report prepared by the end of the week. Mr. Pirkle explained that there will hopefully be a plan by the end of the year and the upcoming budget year should be spent planning.

VOTE TO PLACE A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A SPECIFIC TAX RATE ON A FUTURE AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Whatley to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate of .124673 on a future agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Sparkman, seconded by Director Gatlin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

ATTEST: David M. “Mike” Stover, President

Pam Watson, City Secretary