

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Athens with the following members present, to-wit:

Chip Perryman
Mike Stover
Ed Gatlin
Steve Sparkman

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

others present: Chris Weeks, Tom Potthoff, Tyler Hendrickson and other interested citizens;

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

Director Perryman called the meeting to Order.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER DECLARING A VACANCY ON THE A.M.W.A. BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

Director Perryman informed the Board that C.A. Hawn has provided a letter of resignation as Director on the Athens Municipal Water Authority, due to meeting conflicts. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Sparkman, seconded by Director Stover to declare a vacancy on the A.M.W.A. Board of Directors, due to the resignation of C.A. Hawn. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2011 REGULAR
SESSION

A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Gatlin to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2011-2012

Director Perryman explained that the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 is being presented with the current tax rate of .124673, with there being no discussion from the public. A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2011-2012

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

David Hopkins, Director of Finance explained that the tax rate for fiscal year 2011-2012 is being set at .124673, being the same as last year. There was no discussion and the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2011-2012

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Sparkman to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX RATE OF .124673 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN
FOR A.M.W.A.

Director Perryman explained that State law requires A.M.W.A. to have a Drought Contingency Plan and with the current drought conditions the Board felt they should review and modify the existing Plan. After reviewing the proposed Plan, a motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR A.M.W.A. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER DECLARING IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF
DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Director Perryman explained that due to the current lake level, he is recommending that the Board declare the implementation of Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan, which is voluntary conservation. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to declare the implementation of Phase 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT
A) STATUS REPORT ON LAKE ACTIVITIES

Bill Magee, Lake Inspector

- 1) Lake level is nearing 5' low.
- 2) Boat ramps remain usable.
- 3) Ticketed illegal dredging operation, now permitted.
- 4) Updated on construction.

DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH HYDRILLIA AT LAKE ATHENS

Richard Ott with Texas Parks & Wildlife explained that although the hydrillia at Lake Athens can be treated, it may not be in the best financial interest of the Board at this time. He explained that the treatment could not begin until the end of the season and the lake water level is continuing to drop, therefore, it is his professional opinion that treatment at this time of year is not cost effective. He recommended that the Board wait for the lake level to recover, then form a treatment plan.

Several concerned citizens presented questions concerning the hydrillia problems at Lake Athens.

Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director expressed his feelings that a hydrillia treatment plan should be prepared and considered for next year.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS FROM
VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN LAKE ATHENS, AS REQUESTED BY SCOTT
GRIFFITH

No action was taken.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SCOTT GRIFFITH TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR DREDGING PERMIT TO CORP OF ENGINEERS FOR LOTS 10, 11, 15 & 16, PLANTATION POINT SUBDIVISION

No action was taken.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING USE OF HERBICIDE IN LAKE ATHENS, AS REQUESTED BY SCOTT GRIFFITH

No action was taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hopkins presented the August financials.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Tyler Hendrickson, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Updated on Spillway Project, Contractor is delaying grass work until next Spring.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDED BID FOR FILTER REHABILITATION PROJECT (PHASE 2) AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Chris Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers recommended that the bid for the Filter Rehabilitation Project (Phase 2) be awarded to low bidder, Red River Construction, at a cost of \$407,812. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to award the bid for the Filter Rehabilitation Project (Phase 2) to the low bidder, Red River Construction, at a cost of \$407,812. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF STATEMENTS

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

A concerned citizen questioned the procedure that larger lakes have followed for hydrillia treatment, with Mr. Ott offering to discuss hydrillia issues with all concerned citizens after the meeting.

ADJOURN

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

W.C. "Chip" Perryman, III, President

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary