

SPECIAL SESSION

MAY 1, 2017

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Monday, May 1, 2017, 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 South Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor  
Tres Winn, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Aaron Smith

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Ryan Adams , Thanasis Kombos, Buddy Hill, Gary Whittle, and Mary Ensign;

with the following members absent: Councilmember Whatley, and Councilmember McCain;

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

INVOCATION

None.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO A REQUEST FROM MARY ENSIGN, REPRESENTING THE ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS' CONTEST AND REUNION, REGARDING FUNDING FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE

Thanasis Kombos, Managing Director of Community Services, explained, due to the construction taking place at the Texan Theater, parking is unavailable for the historic carnival associated with the Fiddlers Festival. He further explained, that after discussions with Mary Ensign; the carnival is an important piece to the Fiddlers Festival for generating revenue to host the festival.

Mr. Kombos, stated the carnival must have a hard surface and is unable to operate on sand or grassy surfaces.

Chief Hill presented, from a safety perspective, alternative locations for the carnival, and the problems potentially associated with each site.

Mary Ensign, presented the costs associated with hosting the Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion.

The City Council recessed at 5:57 p.m.

The City Council returned to Special Session at 5:58 p.m.

After much discussion and deliberation a motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve paying the Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion up to \$7,495 with a funding agreement with the City of Athens to be used as an offset of any loss of the carnival revenue. Contingent upon the carnival coming, to allow for the closing of West Tyler Street from Prairieville to Pinkerton for Monday, May 22 through Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER UPDATES  
INVOLVING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ISSUES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

There were no updates

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2017.

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Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary