

SPECIAL SESSION

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Monday, September 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor
Tres Winn, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ed McCain
Joe Whatley
Toni Clay

Gary Whittle, Interim City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary
Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

others present: Thanasis Kombos, Ryan Adams, Barbara Holly, Buddy Hill, Jennifer Robertson, Lisa Montgomery, Tom and Lynn Leathem, Stan Taylor, Ann Perryman, Deborah Deas, Rick Brown, Michael Hannigan, Rich Flowers and other interested citizens;

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Gary Whittle.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
FUTURE ANNEXATION LOCATIONS

Mayor Montgomery stated the law changes regarding annexation and becomes effective December 1, 2017. He stated time was critical. He further stated this meeting allows the City Council to make decisions regarding any possible areas the city should consider for possible annexation.

Barbara Holly, Managing Director of Development Services, stated that any annexations governed under the existing state statues must be completed by December 1, 2017. She further stated the City of Athens' Charter requires Ordinances be adopted during a Regular Session meeting.

Ms. Holly stated that annexation before December 1, 2017 are subject to the following constraints:

- Areas for annexation must be within the ETJ
- Areas for annexation must be contiguous to current city limits
- A maximum of 100 houses can be brought into the city limits without an annexation plan
- Land to be annexed must be a minimum of 1,000 feet wide
- Properties with an agricultural, timber or wildlife property tax exemption are disallowed for annexation into the city limits

Ms. Holly reviewed areas adjacent to the city limits for possible annexation:

- Highway 31 East Corridor
- Highway 175 East Corridor
- Highway 19 South Corridor
- Highway 31 West Corridor

There was discussion regarding the locations.

Ms. Holly stated staff recommends annexation of a two (2) acre property at the intersection of Highway 19 South and Loop 7.

Additional discussion and deliberation occurred, including the opportunity for property-owner initiated annexations beginning after December 1, 2017.

Mayor Montgomery entertained a motion to consider all matters related to future annexation locations.

No motion was made; item died due to the lack of a motion.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
ADOPTING A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS ANNEXATION
CALENDAR

Mayor Montgomery entertained a motion to consider all matters related to adopting a Resolution for the City of Athens Annexation Calendar.

No motion was made; item died due to the lack of a motion.

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

- Mr. Whittle stated Mayor Montgomery turned the valve on at the Faulk Street Tank. He also stated that the Uncle Fletch Hamburger Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

There were no request for future agenda items.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary