

WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Work Session on Thursday, November 14, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at The Texan, 209 East Tyler Street, Athens, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor  
Ed McCain, Mayor Pro Tem  
Robert Gross  
Aaron Smith  
Toni Clay

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

Staff Present: Mandie Quigg, Finance Director, Jennifer Robertson, Director of Human Resources, Katie Birk, Tourism and Cultural Resources Coordinator,

others present: Deborah Deas, Edwin Cabaniss, Wes Akin, Will Burgin, Josh Ball, Valerie Welch, Jon Kessler

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Montgomery at 11:35 a.m.

The City Council recessed at 11:36 a.m.

The City Council returned to the Work Session at 11:50 a.m.

HEAR UPDATE ON "THE TEXAN"

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, provided the following operational history of The Texan:

- Operating for 18 months
- Financial revenues from the Texans at The Texan

Katie Birk, Cultural Resources Coordinator, provided an update of events held at The Texan which included private events, community events, meetings, and City sponsored events.

Mandie Quigg, provided an update on revenues and expenditures from The Texan. Discussion occurred regarding expenditures.

Councilmember McCain expressed concern with expending funds from Hotel Occupancy Tax for putting City sponsored events at the Texan vs promoting private rentals; as this function is generating the highest revenues for The Texan.

Edwin Cabaniss presented the history of his company, Kessler Presents, and provided his goals for The Texan and his company. After much discussion and questions being answered, Mr. Cabaniss stated the end goal for Kessler Presents is to become a booking agent for The Texan.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

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Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary