

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 17, 2020

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 West Corsicana St., Athens, Texas. This meeting was open to the public; however, seating was limited to maintain social distancing.

with the following members present to-wit:

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

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

Staff Present: Buddy Hill, Chief of Police; Mandie Quigg, Director of Finance.

others present: Michael Hannigan, Becky Anding, and Keith Knighton.

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Aaron Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

Councilmember McCain commented on the death of Mary Waddell. He stated this is a tremendous loss to the community. He stated she was supportive of things that the City was doing.

Councilwoman Clay commented on the recent death of former Councilmember Brad Loden. She stated he was a two (2) term City Councilmember. She stated he contributed a lot to the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION**
- b) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2020 REGULAR SESSION**
- c) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ELECTION ORDER PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020 TO ORDER THE CITY OF ATHENS GENERAL ELECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 2; ONE COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 3; AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 4 FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS. CONSIDERAR UNA RESOLUCIÓN PARA ENMENDAR LA ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN PROBADA ANTERIORMENTE EL 10 DE FEBRERO DE 2020 PARA CONVOCAR LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ATHENS PARA EL MARTES 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2020 CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR UN CONCEJAL, LUGAR 2, UN CONCEJAL, LUGAR 3 Y UN CONCEJAL, LUGAR 4 PARA EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ATHENS, TEXAS.**

Councilmember Smith requested item b) Consider approving minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Session be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Gross, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve items a) and c) of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2020 REGULAR SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gross, seconded by Councilwoman Clay to approve item b of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Montgomery, Councilmember McCain, Councilwoman Clay and Councilmember Gross; Nays: None, Abstain: Councilmember Smith.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

Mandie Quigg, Director of Finance, explained the Local Government Code and the City's Charter requires the City to hold a Public Budget Hearing prior to the adoption of the operating budget to allow feedback on the budget. She explained the budget was posted to the City's website.

Mayor Montgomery opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PLACE FINAL READING OF  
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CITY OF ATHENS ANNUAL  
OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 ON THE AUGUST 24,  
2020 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, explained the City is required to take action, and the action is to place the final reading of the budget ordinance on the next regular scheduled City Council agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gross. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT  
CODE, SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL  
PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING) TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE,  
EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY:  
a) 405 LINDSEY LANE

The City Council convened in Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.

The City Council returned to Special Session at 5:51 p.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION  
551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED  
MEETING) TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR  
VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY  
a) 405 LINDSEY LANE

A motion was made by Mayor Montgomery, seconded by Councilwoman Clay, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the sale of property at 405 Lindsey Lane with R & B Agency. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no request for future agenda items.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

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Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary