

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 13, 2020

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, January 13, 2020, 5:30 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 West Corsicana St, Athens, Texas, 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, Police Chief, Russell Marshall, Fire Chief, Mandie Quigg, Finance Director, Tim Perry, Public Works Director, Jennifer Robertson, Director of Human Resources, Derek Whiteley, Director of Information Technology, Randy Williams, Utilities Director, Katie Birk, Tourism and Cultural Resources Coordinator, Joanie Ahlers, Economic Development Director

others present: Anne Perryman, Michael Hannigan, Carol Morton, Sytonia Freeman, Deborah Deas, Mark Carroll, Jeffrey Enoch, Regina Hall, Kristina Jacobson, Boyd London, Michelle Zenor, Marisa Gunstanson, Robert Haberle,

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Clay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATION – DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Mayor Montgomery proclaimed January 20, 2020 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Athens.

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

Mayor Montgomery requested that Citizens attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade on Saturday, January 18th.

Ms. Regina Hall stated lineup for the parade is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Valley Community College and the parade will start at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Montgomery announced the Annual Athens Chamber Gala is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Common Area Market at 5:30 p.m.

Marisa Gunstanson, Athens Chamber of Commerce President, announced the following relating to the Chamber Gala:

- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Band starts at 6:00 p.m. Shoot Low Sheriff
- Dinner will be Buffett style by Railway Cafe served at 7:00 p.m.
- Citizen of the year announced at end of night
- The Chamber will make a special announcement at the end of the evening

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2019 REGULAR SESSION
- b) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE FUND AND TEXPOOL BANK ACCOUNT FOR CAIN CENTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- c) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE FUND AND TEXPOOL BANK ACCOUNT FOR CITY OF ATHENS WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2020
- d) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AWARDDING BID FOR CITY HALL FACILITY REPAIRS
- e) CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF STEVE GRANT, LARRY BABB AND JOHN CAIN TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
- f) CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF WILLY ROBSON, BOB MORTON, AND KRISTINA JACOBSON TO THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
- g) CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF BILLY MURPHREE AND CODY CRAIG TO THE SUBSTANDARD BUILDING COMMISSION
- h) CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF JACK BATEMAN, AND MAMIE STAFFORD TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
- i) CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF KYLE TIDMORE, BRANDON SMITH, AND SCOTT FULLINGIM TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Gross, seconded by Councilwoman Clay to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

HEAR UPDATE ON CAIN CENTER PROJECT

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, stated the bid process for the Cain Center Project has started with a thorough pre-bid meeting on January 23rd at the Cain Center with bids being due back approximately one (1) week later.

DISCUSS FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020", PLEDGING NET REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM TO THE SECURITY OF AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BONDS; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE AND DELIVER OF SAID BONDS, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ESCROW AGREEMENT

Ms. Borstad explained the item is the Park, Prairieville and Clinton water line replacement.

Boyd London, Hilltop Securities, addressed the City Council and explained the history of the Water Development Board. Mr. Boyd further stated the City of Athens received financial assistance from Texas Water Development Board in the amount \$1,125,000 for water system improvements, with \$300,000 in loan principal forgiveness.

Mr. Boyd reviewed the schedule of calendar events relating to “City of Athens, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020”.

After a brief discussion, Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary, read the caption of the Ordinance aloud.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SAM PACK’S FIVE STAR FORD FOR A SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

Randy Williams, Utilities Director, stated item is for a bid award recommendation to Sam Pack’s Five Star Ford for a Single Axle Dump Truck in the amount of \$81,204.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gross to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Sam Pack’s Five Star Ford for a Single Axle Dump Truck. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS FOR A CRANE BODY SERVICE TRUCK

Mr. Williams explained the item is for a bid award recommendation to Rush Truck Centers of Texas for a Crane Body Service Truck in the amount of \$134,607.90.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Clay, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Rush Truck Centers of Texas for a Crane Body Service Truck. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Mandie Quigg, Finance Director, presented the item and explained the budget amendment is due to the addition of the Crane Truck purchase being added to Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Ms. Hambrick read the caption of the Ordinance aloud.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Montgomery requested a breakdown of accomplishments for calendar year 2019 on the next agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary