

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 26, 2015

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, January 26, 2015 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Monte Montgomery, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Elliott
Joe Whatley
Tres Winn

David Hopkins, Interim City Administrator
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Buddy Hill, Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, Sherri Skeeters, Haven Cox, Steve Grant, Phil Becker, Rich Flowers, Michael Hannigan, Donald Ball, Lisa Denton, Corey Frentress , Terri Hill, and other interested citizens;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING SUPPORT FOR NEW HAVEN APARTMENTS AND AGREEMENT TO CONVEY BLOCK 7, LOT 3, OUT OF ABSTRACT 782 T. PARMER SURVEY, BISHOP HEIGHTS ADDITION, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS TO NAUTICAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INC.

David Hopkins, Interim City Administrator explained that Nautical Affordable Housing, Inc. owns the New Haven Apartments and they are applying for Housing Tax Credits . He explained that they are proposing that the City convey the vacant lot at Block 7, Lot 3, T. Parmer Survey, located adjacent to the Project, to Nautical Affordable Housing, Inc. for the sum of \$1.00 to be considered an in-kind contribution and establish the City's support.

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to approve a resolution authorizing funding support for New Haven Apartments and agreement to convey Block 7, Lot 3, out of Abstract 782, T. Parmer Survey, Bishop Heights Addition, Henderson County, Texas to Nautical Affordable Housing, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR FAIRVIEW SOUTH APARTMENTS

David Hopkins explained Fieser Development, Inc. is applying for Housing Tax Credits and seeking a resolution authorizing funding support for Fairview South Apartments. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to approve a resolution authorizing funding support for Fairview South Apartments The motion carried unanimously

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**DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN LETTER OF INTENT
REQUESTING AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING**

Mayor Jerry Vaught, explained that the City is requesting authorization for the Mayor to sign letter of intent for Airport Grant funding as the City will incur some expenses.

Steve Grant explained the letter of intent shows the City is supportive of seeking expansion of the airport and the state is suggesting the City should move forward.

Phil Becker explained the cooperative nature between the Mayor, City Council and AEDC is well recognized by TXDOT and it shows the City of Athens is serious about moving ahead with airport expansion. He explained the letter of intent will be forwarded to TXDOT and it will show the direction the City wants to take in the airport expansion. Mr. Becker explained the City could expect to incur \$10,000-\$20,000 in expenses.

After discussion, a motion was made Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Whatley, authorizing the mayor to sign letter of intent requesting airport grant funding. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO PARKS BOARD

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development explained that the Parks Board is a seven (7) member board and is currently short one (1) member. A motion was made by Councilmember Tres Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliot to appoint Bob Morton to the Parks Board. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO ZONING COMMISSION BOARD

Gary Crecelius explained that the Zoning Commission is a five (5) member board and is currently short one (1) member. A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to appoint Steve Barksdale to the Zoning Commission Board. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING TASK ORDER WITH VELVIN & WEEKS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO REVIEW PLANS AT COUNTRY PLACE
SENIOR LIVING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED ON WOOD ST**

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, explained that plans for a building permit at Country Place Senior Living Development located on Wood St. requires further review by the Engineers. He stated that Velvin and Weeks offered to do this and not to exceed \$500. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to approve Task Order with Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers to review plans at Country Place Senior Living Development located on Wood St. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER PAINTING OF CLEARWELLS AND AUTHORIZING
STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Glen Herriage explained that Velvin and Weeks have the plans completed for the painting of clearwells and is asking for authorization to advertise for bids. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to authorize staff to advertise for bids for painting of clearwells. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES FROM COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Police Chief Buddy Hill explained staff is seeking authorization to purchase (5) police package vehicles directly from the Cooperative Purchasing Program. A motion was made by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Whatley authorizing the purchase of five (5) police package vehicles from Cooperative Purchasing Programs. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CAPITAL LEASE PROGRAM FOR PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

David Hopkins explained staff is seeking authorization to advertise for bids for Capital Lease Program to finance the purchase of five (5) Police Package Vehicles. A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Elliott authorizing staff to advertise for bids for capital lease program for purchase of five (5) police package vehicles and related equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1 P.A. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY CARLON DOWELL (5288 F.M. 2495)

Gary Crecelius explained that Carlon Dowell is requesting a replat of Lot 1, Block 1 P.A. Subdivision. He stated that this is one (1) lot and it will be divided into two (2) lots with the Zoning Commission approving the item on 1/20/15. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to approve the replat of Lot 1, Block 1 P.A. Taylor Subdivision, owned by Carlon Dowell (5288 F.M. 2495.) The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOT 4B, BLOCK 83, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY TYNER FINANCIAL SERVICES, JERRY DON TYNER, PRESIDENT, 613 W. TYLER

Gary Crecelius explained that Jerry Don Tyner is requesting a replat of Lot 4B, Block 83, Athens Original Town Subdivision. He stated that this is one (1) lot and that will be divided into (2) lots allowing for a house unit for each with the Zoning Commission approving the item on 1/20/15. A motion was made Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to approve the replat of Lot 4B, Block 83, Athens Original Town Subdivision, owned by Tyner Financial Services, Jerry Don Tyner, President, 613 W. Tyler. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PAUL ST. ANDRE FOR T-HANGAR NO. 8 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- B) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOM JUNKIN FOR T-HANGAR NO. 12 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

There was no discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2015.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary