

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 28, 2019

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Regular Session on Monday, January 28, 2019, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex, 501 N. Pinkerton St, with the following members present, to-wit:

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

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Buddy Hill, Thanasis Kombos, Russ Marshall, Jennifer Robertson, Audrey Sloan, Randy Williams, Mandie Quigg, Kyle Henderson, Rich Flowers, Chris Tinsley, Steve Grant, Mark Carroll, Mo Morrison, Lacey Lowry, Carol Morton, Tom and Lynn Leathem, Lynn Kitchen, Gary Penn, Denise York, Deborah Deas, and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Monte Montgomery.

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Kyle Henderson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

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

Mayor Pro Tem McCain announced that the Athens Independent School District would be closed on Friday, February 1, 2019.

Councilwoman Clay stated that funeral service for Christopher Bonilla would be held at the High School on Friday, February 1, 2019. She further stated the Texas Education Agency is giving Athens ISD a waiver on this day.

Mayor Pro Tem McCain announced the Ribbon Cutting of Back 40 Firearms Co. is on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Deborah Deas thanked the City Council for granting the East Texas Arboretum a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant. She stated the upgraded work at the Arboretum Woman's Building was complete. She stated an open house is scheduled soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2019 REGULAR SESSION
- b) CONSIDER FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM FRANCISCO SALAZAR FOR APPROVAL OF A ZONING CHANGE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL – 5 (SF-5) TO COMMERCIAL (C) FOR LOT 9B OF BLOCK 92 OF THE T. PARMER SURVEY A-782
- c) CONSIDER FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 35.1 OF THE ZONING CODE TO REMOVE THE MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HALF OF THE AREA OF THE MAIN STRUCTURE FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS LOCATED IN AGRICULTURE (A) AND SINGLE-FAMILY – 15 RESIDENTIAL (SF-15) ZONING DISTRICTS
- d) OCTOBER 2018 MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT
- e) NOVEMBER 2018 MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary, read the captions of the Ordinance aloud.

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

HEAR UPDATE FROM CAIN CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

Steve Grant, Cain Center Steering Committee Chair, stated the committee has been working hard. He also stated four (4) committee members were present. Mr. Grant presented the City Council with a Cain Center Committee update.

Mr. Grant provided updates regarding the four (4) active Committees:

- Physical Plant Committee
- Use Planning Committee
- Budget/Financial/Operations Committee
- Public Relations and Awareness Committee

He stated Steering Committee is attempting to develop and recognize the stakeholders in the community. He stated the stakeholders consisted of the county, the school district, the community college, the extension service, different age groups and churches.

Mo Morrison provided an update from the Physical Plant Committee. He stated the committee has looked at the original set of plans from 2012 and the most recent plans to find cost savings.

Mr. Morrison stated the pool is a big concern. He stated a pool construction company has looked at the pool with the mechanical and electrical being a large part of the quote.

Councilwoman Clay asked if the pool is in as bad of shape as they say it is, with Mr. Morrison stating the condition of the pool does not appear to be as bad as initially believed. Mr. Morrison stated there is a leak in the pool and locating the leak could be an issue, however, the overall structure seems to be sound.

Chris Tinsley provided an update from the Use and Planning Committee. He stated the Use Planning Committee will pick up where the Physical Plant Committee finishes. He stated once the Planning Committee figures out what we have, the Use Planning Committee is tasked with what to do with it. He stated the committee is focused on two (2) areas: inclusivity and the sustainability.

Mr. Tinsley stated previously the second floor of the Cain Center was empty and the idea is to not leave it empty. He stated the goal is to have tenants and this would increase traffic and help offset the cost of operating the facility.

Mayor Pro Tem McCain stated that he and the Mayor have discussed foot traffic and making use of the center. He stated the more people you can get to the facility; the more they would see the other amenities at the Cain Center.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY, FOR THE APPROVAL OF FUNDS BEING USED TO SECURE THE TEXAN THEATER FOR A CONCERT PROMOTED BY LYNN KITCHEN

Mr. Lynn Kitchen stated he attended an event at The Texan and his business Mid-TX Converse would like to use the venue to promote and sponsor a concert at The Texan. He stated he would like to have the venue free of charge. He stated the concert will be scheduled for June 1, 2019. Mr. Kitchen explained the artist is Radney Foster.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council that Mr. Kitchen further discuss a Business Plan for the event with City Manager Ms. Borstad to determine if Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds could be used to offset the venue rental fees for use of The Texan.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY, CONCERNING THE APPROVAL ON FIRST READING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT TO JOHN JOHNSON IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$12,500.00

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY, CONCERNING THE APPROVAL ON SECOND READING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT TO JOHN JOHNSON IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$12,500.00

Mayor Pro Tem McCain stated both agenda items 9) Discuss, consider and take action, as necessary, concerning the approval on first reading a Resolution supporting Athens Economic Development Corporation's Business Assistance Grant to John Johnson in an amount up to \$12,500.00 and 10) Discuss, consider and take action, as necessary, concerning the approval on second reading a Resolution supporting Athens Economic Development Corporation's Business Assistance Grant to John Johnson in an amount up to \$12,500.00 are being removed and not discussed.

No action was taken.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Gross stated he would like to go on record requesting that the Athens Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) present an activities recap on the next agenda. He stated he has requested this information three (3) times. He further stated if AEDC is unable to present the requested information; to please have a representative present to explain why not.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary