

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, September 22, 2014, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Tres Winn
Joe Whatley
Charles Elliott

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Pam Watson, Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Tyler Hendrickson, Michael Hannigan, Rich Flowers, Dave Jensen, Norma Lambert, Melodie Alexander and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Monte Montgomery;

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

The invocation given by David Hopkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Winn filed a Conflict of Interest for items concerning Athens Economic Development Corporation's Board Appointment.

CONSIDER FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary, read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to approve a RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 and move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.645140, which is effectively a 2.38 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING REZONING OF TRACTS 18, 38, 55 & 64A, J.B. ATWOOD SURVEY FROM AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRIAL, OWNED BY ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FM 1616).

Mayor Vaught opened the public hearing on REZONING OF TRACTS 18, 38, 55 & 64A, J.B. ATWOOD SURVEY FROM AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRIAL, OWNED BY ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FM 1616). Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development, stated the Zoning Commission met on September 16, 2014 and approved the rezoning of tracts 18, 38, 55 & 64A, J.B. Atwood Survey from Agriculture to Industrial, owned by Athens Economic Development Corporation. There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS 18, 38, 55 & 64A, J.B. ATWOOD SURVEY FROM AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRIAL, OWNED BY ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary, read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS 18, 38, 55 & 64A, J.B. ATWOOD SURVEY FROM AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRIAL, OWNED BY ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOTS 638 & 639, OAKWOOD UNIT 1, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ATHENS EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, OWNED BY COLIN & LAUREN BARRETT (8373 CHARLYA DR.).

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development, explained that this property will combine two (2) lots into one (1) lot. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve the replat of lots 638 & 639, Oakwood Unit 1. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES WITH HENDERSON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.

Pam Burton, City Administrator explained the proposed amendment changes the annual contribution rate and the utility section of the current agreement. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to approve AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES WITH HENDERSON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MELODIE ALEXANDER TO CONDUCT A POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS SURVEY.

Ms. Burton stated the Council would need to vote to support the Point-In-Time Homeless Survey on January 22, 2015 and authorize the Chief of Police to coordinate with the volunteers and Ms. Alexander.

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to authorize Melodie Alexander to conduct a Point-In-Time Homeless survey. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER EXECUTING AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR 2015 ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP) GRANT.

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development, explained that this is a 50/50 matching grant with Texas Department of Transportation for maintenance at Athens Municipal Airport. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to execute the Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for 2015 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING HANGAR CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION FOR AREA 1, LOT 5 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AS REQUESTED BY WAYNE ADDKISON.

Mr. Crecelius explained Wayne Addkison is requesting approval of Hangar Construction for Area 1, Lot 5 at Athens Municipal Airport with the Airport Advisory Board approving on August 7, 2014. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve Hangar Construction Application for Area 1 & Lot 5 at Athens Municipal Airport. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER BIDS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO OBTAIN ESTIMATES FROM LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS FOR MITIGATION OF TREES AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Mr. Crecelius stated that Staff is requesting authorization from Council to advertise for bids/estimates from LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS FOR MITIGATION OF TREES AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

There was discussion concerning removal of the bond requirements in the requirements of surveyors.

After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to authorize staff to advertise for LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS FOR MITIGATION OF TREES AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR USE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS.

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, recommended that chemical bids be awarded to the following low bidders:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Price</u>
Alum	ChemTrade	\$.0905
Liquid Ammonia Sulfate	ChemTrade	\$ 3.50
150 LB Gas Cl ₂ CYL	DPC	\$72.00
Ammonia	DPC	\$.83
Sulfur Dioxide	DPC	\$694.00
Fluoride	Pennco	\$.374
100 LB Dry CL ₂	Brenntag	\$147.80
1-Ton Gas CL ₂ CYL	Brenntag	\$549.00
Caustic Soda	Brenntag	\$.2515
Copper Sulfate	Brenntag	\$9.3416

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to award chemical bids for use in Water and Wastewater Departments to the low bidders, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RESTROOM AND CONCESSION FACILITY.

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development explained the need to advertise for proposals for professional services from architectural/engineering firms for construction of restroom and concession facility at Coleman Park soccer field.

After discussion the item was tabled.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO ATHENS HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Ms. Burton stated the terms of Lois Wright and Daryl Graham are expiring from the Housing Authority Board with Daryl Graham being the only member eligible for reappointment. She explained that the Housing Authority is recommending that Daryl Graham be reappointed and Randy Daniel be appointed to serve on the Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to re-appoint Daryl Graham and appoint Randy Daniel to serve two (2) year term on the Athens Housing Authority's Board. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Ms. Burton stated that the terms of Kelly Smith and Carmen Hunt are expiring from the A.E.D.C Board of Directors with both members being eligible for reappointment. She explained that the A.E.D.C. Board is recommending that Kelly Smith, Carmen Hunt be reappointed and Jeaneane Lilly be appointed to serve on the board. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to re-appoint Kelly Smith, Carmen Hunt, and the appointment of Jeaneane Lilly to serve a two (2) year term on the A.E.D.C. Board.

The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes; Mayor Vaught, Councilmember Whatley, and Councilmember Elliott. Nays; none. Abstained: Councilmember Winn.

CONSENT AGENDA;

A)CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; AUGUST 11, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; AUGUST 11, 2014 REGULAR SESSION; AUGUST 12, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; AUGUST 13, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; AUGUST 20, 2014 SPECIAL; AUGUST 25, 2014 REGULAR SESSION; AUGUST 28, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 REGULAR SESSION.

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

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

1) Norma Lambert, Henderson County Humane Society, thanked the Council for their support.

ADJOURN.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary