

SPECIAL SESSION

JANUARY 8, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Carol Barton
Elaine Jenkins
Monte Montgomery
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Jane Joslin, Rich Flowers, Brian Malone, Tyler Hendrickson, and other interested citizens;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

- A) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING OUTDOOR BURN ORDINANCE VARIANCE, AS REQUESTED BY JANE JOSLIN/ROELLEN GIN COMPANY, INC. (2860 F.M. 2495)

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that Ms. Joslin is requesting a variance to the Outdoor Burn Ordinance to allow for another one (1) year burn permit, due to the large amount of acreage that needs clearing. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, January 13, 2014.

- B) DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS OF ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AS REQUESTED BY A.E.D.C.

Brian Malone, President & CEO of Athens Economic Development Corporation, explained that A.E.D.C. has approved proposed amendments to their Bylaws which allow for up to three (3) non-residents to be considered for appointment to A.E.D.C., moving A.E.D.C.'s annual meeting to October of each year, and a few minor clean-ups. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- C) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of John Cain, Steve Grant and David Stewart are expiring from the Airport Advisory Board, with all agreeing to serve another term. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- D) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO SUBSTANDARD BUILDING COMMISSION

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Tere Lawyer, Billy Murphree and Tim Jones are expiring from the Substandard Building Commission, with all agreeing to serve another term. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- E) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Cody Robertson, Chris Tinsley and Donna Foster Meredith are expiring from the Zoning Commission, with Mr. Tinsley and Ms. Meredith agreeing to serve another term, however, Mr. Robertson is ineligible due to having served two (2) consecutive terms. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Mamie Stafford and Jack Bateman are expiring from the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with both agreeing to serve another term. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

G) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS BOARD

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Billy Si McCaleb, Lillian Bell, Steve Grant and Andrea Copeland are expiring from the Parks Board and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION; NOVEMBER 8, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION; NOVEMBER 12, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION; NOVEMBER 20, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION; AND NOVEMBER 25, 2013 REGULAR SESSION

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda on Monday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CONSULTATION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. 2013A-1145, ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY V. CITY OF ATHENS IN THE 173RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session.

The City Council returned to Special Session.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. 2013A-1145, ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY V. CITY OF ATHENS IN THE 173RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary