

SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 28 2016

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Special Called Joint Work Session Meeting with Athens Municipal Water Authority on Monday, November 28, 2016, 4:00 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Athens City Council

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Tres Winn, Mayor Pro-Tem
Monte Montgomery
Joe Whatley
Ed McCain

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

Athens Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors

Mike Peek, President
Ed Gatlin, Vice President
Don Foster, Secretary
Milburn Chaney
Frank Lunceford

Martin Bennett, Athens Municipal Water Authority, Attorney
Bill Casey, Athens Municipal Water Authority, Executive Director
Beth McConnell, Office Manager

others present: Lawrence Cutrone, Mike Finney, Gary Whittle, Steve Barksdale, Wayne Weeks, Alan Ross, Kristina Jacobson, Lisa Denton, Michael Hannigan, Steve Moore, and other interested citizens;

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Philip Rodriguez.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

ENTER INTO JOINT WORK SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY

- a) TO OPEN A DIALOGUE AND DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF ATHENS, INCLUDING: FACILITIES, OPERATIONS, AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL WATER RELATED ISSUES
- b) DISCUSS THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF ATHENS

Mayor Vaught opened the dialogue by stating there has never been a joint meeting between the City of Athens and Athens Municipal Water Authority (AMWA). He stated he wanted an understanding of the issues regarding the contract between the City of Athens and AMWA, along with discussion regarding the Texas Commissions on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) violations.

Mike Peek, President, stated AMWA is here for the same reason. He stated the Authority is here for the quality of water for Athens. He further stated the Authority wanted the water for the City of Athens residents to be clean, pure, safe and affordable.

Lengthy discussion regarding the contract between City of Athens and AMWA followed.

There was discussion regarding Capital Improvements and what is considered a Capital Improvement.

Following additional discussion it was the consensus of City Council and AMWA that city staff would present an update on the water plant well model and the water treatment optimization study at the next AMWA Board meeting on December 14, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary