

WORK SESSION

MAY 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Work Session on Thursday, May 10, 2018, 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville Street, Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

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

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Thanasis Kombos, Ryan Adams, John McQueary, Barbara Holly, Mandie Quigg, and Deborah Deas;

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Monte Montgomery.

HEAR UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, explained it was noticed that some of the revenues are significantly under projections.

Mandie Quigg, Finance Director, reviewed the Fiscal Year 2018 revenues overbudgeted for the General Fund and Expenditures under budgeted for the General Fund and projected year end budget.

Ms. Borstad explained staff was requested to reduce department budgets by 1.5%.

Ms. Quigg reviewed General Department requested budget which consisted of Revenue Summary and Expenditure Summary with year-end projections.

Discussion occurred.

Ms. Quigg reviewed the 2019 Budget Calendar.

Ms. Borstad stated the City would not have a deficit budget of more than what has already been approved.

Mayor Montgomery stated the City is below the recommended reserve amount. Ms. Borstad stated the goal is to establish a 90 day reserve.

DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

The City Council discussed council priorities for Fiscal Year 2019.

The City Council identified the following priorities for Fiscal Year 2019.

- Establish a 90 day reserve
- Staff organizational for efficiencies
- Water and sewer plan identified
- Attention to the police facilities
- Address Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) Pension Burden on the budget
- Street Improvements

- Water # 1 priority
- Drainage issues
- Within 5 years look at a water rate study

Mayor Montgomery stated he was looking for clarity in the budget with Ms. Borstad stating one of the goals of the Finance Department is to simply/clarify the budget in an effort to be more transparent with taxpayers dollars.

Mayor Montgomery asked for clarification of the line items with in the budget with Ms. Quigg stating the goal is to clarify line items within the budget.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 29th DAY OF MAY, 2018.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary