

SPECIAL SESSION

OCTOBER 8, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, October 8, 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

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Tyler Hendrickson, Michael Hannigan, Brian Malone, Becky Love 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 David Hopkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

HEAR/DISCUSS STATUS ON CLEAN-UP AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE MAY 29, 2014 AG SERVICES FIRE AT 105 LARKIN ST

Fire Chief John McQueary stated that clean up from the May 9, 2014 Ag Services fire is near completion, with only the soil sample test remaining.

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that a cost recovery request will be sent to Ag Services, for the total clean-up amount which was incurred by the City. The amount is \$22,244.56.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- A) DISCUSS REQUEST TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PRAIRIEVILLE ST. ON
NOVEMBER 19, 2014 FOR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, AS
REQUESTED BY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becky Love explained that First United Methodist Church is requesting to close a portion of Prairieville Street on November 19, 2014. She explained that permission was received from the County for use of the Court House lawn. The event will provide an opportunity for Citizens to come together and give "Thanks". The item will appear on the agenda Monday, October 13, 2014.

- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS
18, 38, 55 & 64A, J.B. ATWOOD SURVEY FROM AGRICULTURE TO
INDUSTRIAL, OWNED BY ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION (FM 1616)

Ms. Burton explained that final reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Tracts 18, 38, 55 & 64A J.B. Atwood Survey from Agriculture to Industrial will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ELECTRIC FRANCHISE WITH ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY

Ms. Burton explained that final reading of an Ordinance granting Electric Franchise with Oncor Electric Delivery will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING TASK ORDER WITH VELVIN AND WEEKS CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO UPDATE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, explained the Water Conservation Plan is updated every five (5) years and this Task Order will authorize Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers to update the plan. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED ENGINEERING FIRMS TO DESIGN WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS ON S. PRAIRIEVILLE ST, PARK ST., AND E. CLINTON

Ms. Burton explained that the Council may authorize Staff to advertise for proposals from qualified engineering firms to design water line improvements on S. Prairieville St., Park St., and E. Clinton. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS ESTIMATES RECEIVED FROM LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS FOR MITIGATION OF TREES AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planing & Development, explained he received estimates from two (2) licensed land surveyors for the mitigation of trees at the Athens Municipal Airport. Jack L Ward and Associates with an estimate as follows: 1st phase \$9,000-10,000, 2nd phase, \$137.50 per hour, 3rd phase, \$70.00 per hour. Hearn Surveying Associates with an estimate of \$7,500 total cost for all required phases. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION, AND SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 REGULAR SESSION.

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

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

There was no discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary