

WORK SESSION

JUNE 3, 2019

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Budget Work Session on Monday June 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m. at East Texas Arboretum & Botanical Society Woman's Building, 1601 Patterson Rd., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor
Robert Gross
Aaron Smith
Toni Clay

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Derek Whiteley, Jennifer Robertson, Mandie Quigg, Katie Birk, Audrey Sloan, Russell Marshall, Buddy Hill, Paul Crayton, Randy Williams, Lisa Denton, John Trent, Michael Hannigan,

with the following member absent: Ed McCain.

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.

UPDATE MID-YEAR 2019 BUDGET - ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Lisa Denton, Executive Director, Athens Economic Development Corporation presented an update of the mid-year 2019 Budget for Athens Economic Development Corporation.

Discussion occurred throughout the update.

UPDATE MID-YEAR 2019 BUDGET

Mandie Quigg, Finance Director, presented an update on Mid-Year 2019 Budget of General Fund Expenses.

Councilmember Gross asked staff to research the collection of outstanding citations.

Ms. Quigg provided an update on the Airport Fund Budget.

The City Council recessed at 9:48 a.m.

The City Council reconvened in Budget Work Session at 9:55 a.m.

Ms. Quigg provided an update on the following budgets:

- HOT Fund
- Equipment Replacement
- Texan Theatre Fund

Mayor Montgomery asked staff to look at the cost for custom drapes at The Texan.

Katie Birk, Tourism and Cultural Resources Coordinator, is to obtain the cost of a sound system for The Texan.

Updates on the following budgets continued:

- Interest & Sinking Fund
- Capital Projects Fund
- Utility Fund Revenues

Mayor Montgomery asked staff to research the cost of a buy- out from the Neches Sludge disposal.

Update on the following budget continued:

- Utility Fund Expenditures

Discussion occurred throughout the update.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, asked the City Council for their goals and objectives for the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. She stated during the 2019 budget Councilmember McCain requested staff to look at draining issues throughout the City. She stated for this year she has engineering firms looking at the following areas for drainage issues:

- Bel Air Subdivision
- Mill Run Road
- Carroll Street
- Wofford Street
- Triton Development

Mayor Montgomery stated some cities have drainage taxes. He stated in the next few years the City may be headed in the direction of adding a drainage fee.

The following additional goals were identified:

- Work with Athens Economic Development Corporation on the Master Plan for the City of Athens
- Airport improvements and the Industrial Park
- Future growth
- Develop Parks and Recreational Program to capture new revenues
- Make decision on Cain Center and sending the remaining funds back
- Continue Emergency Fund
- Continue with any water projects
- If appraised values are increased less than 10% the city will need to scale back on projected ad valorem revenues in the 2020 budget
- Streets
- Continue with Wastewater projects

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17th DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

Ed McCain, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary