

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 13, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, October 13, 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
Monte Montgomery, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Elliott
Joe Whatley
Tres Winn

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Buddy Hill, Brian Malone, Tyler Hendrickson, Rich Flowers, Michael Hannigan, Tom Trimble, Steve Grant, Randy Jones, Alecia Sims, Reverends Geoff & Myria Whitcomb, Jeffery Enoch, Jessica Rodgers, and other interested citizens;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE A PORTION OF DULL
AVERIETTE ST. ON OCTOBER 24, 2014 FOR "HORNET HIVE PARTY", AS
REQUESTED BY ATHENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

City Administrator, Pam Burton explained Athens I.S.D. is requesting to close a portion of Dull Averiette Street and Owen Street on October 24, 2014 for "Hornet Hive Party. She explained the Chief of Police has a map of the layout for the street closure. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to authorize the closing of portions of Dull Averiette Street and Owen Street on October 24, 2014 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

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

City Administrator, Pam Burton explained First United Methodist Church is requesting to close a portion of Prairieville Street on November 19, 2014 for a Community Thanksgiving Service. A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to authorize the closing of portion of Prairieville Street on November 19, 2014 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER 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. A motion was made by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Whatley authorizing Task Order with Velvin and Weeks Consulting Engineers to update Water Conservation Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER 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. Ms. Burton explained it is only to authorize staff to advertise for qualified firms.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Winn authorizing staff to advertise for proposal from qualified engineering firms to design water line improvements on S. Prairieville St., Park St. and E. Clinton. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER 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.

After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to accept Hearn Surveying Associates' estimate of \$7,500 for mitigation of trees at Athens Municipal Airport.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Consider approving minutes of September 17, 2014 Special Session, and September 22, 2014 Regular Session.
- B) Consider 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).
- C) Consider final reading of an Ordinance granting Electric Franchise with ONCOR Electric Delivery.

City Secretary, Bonnie Hambrick read the Ordinances aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Mr. Jeffery Enoch Sr., expressed his concern of the Athens Police Department; and the excessive abuse of force while issuing misdemeanor warrants.

2. Jessica Rodgers, 516 W. Larkin Street, expressed her children were not taken into account during the incident she was involved in. She explained the Police officers should read the situation and not go in expecting the worst.

3. Reverends Geoff and Myria Whitcomb, 512 North Underwood, Athens, expressed they are standing with Jessica Rodgers as Pastors in the community. She stated the officers involved should have diversity training or cultural sensitivity training.

4. Alechia Sims, 1001 North Hamlett, Athens, stated her son was molested by (2) two convicted felons. She expressed concern that they had not been apprehended She stated she filed a complaint in December 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.087. DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.

The City Council returned to Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary