

REGULAR SESSION

DECEMBER 12, 2016

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, December 12, 2016, 5:30 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:

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

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Thanasis Kombos, Barbara Holly, Sandi Pulley, Lawrence Cutrone, Steve Barksdale, Lisa Denton, Tom and Lynn Leathem, Jimmy Banks, Michael Hannigan, Rich Flowers, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2016 JOINT ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY WORK SESSION
- b) CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2016 REGULAR SESSION
- c) CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2016 SPECIAL SESSION

A motion was made Councilmember Monte Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

UPDATE ON WATER UTILITIES

Lawrence Cutrone, Director of Public Works, explained that City Staff met with representatives from Athens Municipal Water Authority and Randy McIntyre of Graver Engineering Services for updates on the water plant well model and the water treatment optimization study findings.

DISCUSS FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING A RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary explained the Ordinance will designate the City follow the Retention Schedule set by Texas State Library and Archives Commissions. Councilmember Montgomery questioned the language in the Definition of Municipal Records.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to ask the City Attorney to clarify the Definition of Municipal Records for the final reading of the Ordinance.

Ms. Hambrick read the Ordinance aloud.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS INCIDENT TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2017, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES

Marti Shew, representative from Hilltop Securities explained the results of the Bond Sale. She stated the bonds were sold through a competitive sale. She stated five (5) different proposals were received and the low bidder was Robert W. Baird & Co. She further explained the interest rate was higher than originally expected, and pointed out that the City's rate is still under 4 percent. Ms. Shew explained the City's bond rating had climbed four (4) spots since the last time the City issued bonds in 2004. She stated this was a testament to the City's financial integrity. She stated the City was rated A+.

Ms. Shew explained the Ordinance.

Councilman Joe Whatley said, "We got lucky. Those rates are going to climb and climb fast. I think we got in just underneath a big jump."

There was additional discussion.

Mayor Vaught said, "I'm excited about this. I think it is going to be such a huge win for Athens to get some capital improvements that are desperately needed and plus get to fix the Cain Center."

Ms. Hambrick read the Ordinance aloud.

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember McCain to approve all matters incident to the issuance and sale of City of Athens, Texas, Combination Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017, including the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF ALLIANCE CIRCLE

Barbara Holly, Holly Interim Planning Director, explained that Athens Economic Development Corporation recently constructed a cul-de-sac off of Enterprise Street and they wish to dedicate it to the City. She stated the street name is Alliance Circle. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve all matters related to Athens Economic Development Corporation's request for City's acceptance of Alliance Circle. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO AWARDING BIDS FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE

Mr. Cutrone presented the bids for the removal and disposal of sludge and recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, AAA Sanitation, at a cost of .06 cents per gallon. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember McCain to award the bid for removal and disposal of sludge to AAA Sanitation at a cost of .06 cents per gallon. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

- a) CHARLIE TIDMORE**
- b) SHERI ROBSON**

Ms. Hambrick explained the terms of Charles Tidmore and Sheri Robson will expire from the Airport Advisory Board, with both desiring reappointment. A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Winn to reappoint Charles Tidmore and Sheri Robson to serve another two (2) year term on the Airport Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

- a) HUGH ARMSTRONG**
- b) CLYDE BOWMAN**
- c) JAY ECKERT**

Ms. Hambrick explained the terms of Hugh Armstrong, Clyde Bowman and Jay Eckert will expire from the Parks Advisory Board, with all desiring reappointment. A motion was made by Councilmember McCain, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to reappoint Hugh Armstrong, Clyde Bowman and Jay Eckert to serve another two (2) year term on the Parks Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE SUBSTANDARD BUILDING COMMISSION

- a) WILL TRAXSON**
- b) TILO GALVAN**

Ms. Hambrick explained the terms of Will Traxson, and Tilo Galvan will expire from the Substandard Building Commission, with both desiring reappointment. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn seconded by Councilmember Whatley to reappoint Will Traxson, and Tilo Galvan to serve another two (2) year term on the Substandard Building Commission. The motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

- a) CHARLES MORGAN JONES**
- b) THOMAS FAULK**
- c) TODD FOWLER**

Ms. Hambrick explained the terms of Charles Morgan Jones, Thomas Faulk and Todd Fowler will expire from the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with all desiring reappointment. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember McCain to reappoint Charles Morgan Jones, Thomas Faulk, and Todd Fowler to serve another two (2) year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

- a) STEVE BARKSDALE**

Ms. Hambrick explained the term of Steve Barksdale will expire from the Zoning Commission, with Mr. Barksdale desiring reappointment. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley seconded by Councilmember McCain to reappoint Steve Barksdale to serve another two (2) year term on the Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER UPDATES
INVOLVING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ISSUES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Mayor Vaught commended the City Staff for an outstanding Christmas Parade
- Councilmember Montgomery commended the Fire Department for assisting at the First Baptist Church
- Mr. Rodriguez informed the Council that the December 26, 2016 City Council meeting is canceled, due to a City holiday, and the next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled January 9, 2017

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no request for future agenda items.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

