

REGULAR SESSION

DECEMBER 8, 2014

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

Pam Burton, City Administrator  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary  
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: David Hopkins, Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, Sherri Skeeters, Haven Cox, Tyler Hendrickson, Steve Grant, Tyler, 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 AUTHORIZING DECEMBER 26, 2014 AS A CITY HOLIDAY

Councilmember Winn explained due to Christmas being on Thursday, City employees will have to travel on Christmas Day to return to work on Friday, December 26, 2014. He stated the City Employees have worked hard all year and Council should consider making December 26, 2014 a City Holiday. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn and seconded by Councilmember Elliott authorizing December 26, 2014 as a City Holiday. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FULL SIZE SUV FOR USE IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief McQueary informed the Council that he is seeking authorization to purchase full size SUV from State Bidders List with Caldwell Country being within budgeted amount with a cost of \$28,155. He explained it would take 45-60 days to receive. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Elliott and seconded by Councilmember Montgomery authorizing the purchase of full size SUV from Caldwell Country for use in the fire department. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR QUALIFIED ENGINEERING FIRMS TO DESIGN WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS ON S. PRAIRIEVILLE ST., PARK ST., AND E. CLINTON

City Administrator, Pam Burton explained the qualified engineering firms were rated one (1) through six (6), with Velvin and Weeks rated and as number 1. The next step is to meet with Tyler Hendrickson of Velvin and Weeks to negotiate the price and the contract details. A motion was made by Councilmember Winn and seconded by Councilmember Elliott to have Velvin and Weeks Engineering Firm to design water line improvements on S. Prairieville St., Park St., and E. Clinton. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

David Hopkins, Director of Finance, explained the Holiday Inn Express owners have made the two most current bankruptcy payments and are now current on bankruptcy payments, but they are behind three (3) months.

Conor Bateman, City Attorney, explained the City has the options of shutting off utilities at the motel and/or closing the motel down for failure to remit Hotel/Motel tax. He further explained that the owners have made an effort to get current on their payments and recommended sending a letter giving the owners thirty (30) days to comply, and then consider further action if payments are not in compliance.

After discussion, the item was tabled until the January 12, 2014 Regular Session Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) Consider final reading of an Ordinance creating site plan for St. Edwards Catholic Church Lot 1, owned by St. Edward Catholic Church, Reverend Joseph Strickland ( 904 E. Tyler).
- B) Consider final reading of an Ordinance prohibiting the use of and contact with designated groundwater from beneath certain property located at and around 1000 Hwy 175 West.
- C) Consider final reading of an Ordinance prohibiting the use of and contact with designated groundwater from beneath certain property located at and around 518 Progress Way.
- D) Consider final reading of an Ordinance amending text of Zoning Ordinance #O-12-01.
- E) Consider final reading of an Ordinance regulating clothing collection bins in the City.
- F) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Larry Bradshaw for T-Hangar No. 1 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- G) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Citabria Partners for T-Hangar No. 2 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- H) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Gerald Henderson for T-Hangar No. 3 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- I) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Edwin Torbett for T-Hangar No. 4 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- J) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Ray Clapp Jr. for T-Hangar No. 5 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- K) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Michael Chadwick for T-Hangar No. 6 at Athens Municipal Airport
- L) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Larry Larragueta for T-Hangar No. 7 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- M) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Charla Hill for T-Hangar No. 9 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- N) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Carroll Dyson for T-Hangar No. 10 at Athens Municipal Airport.
- O) Consider authorizing Lease Agreement with Keith Bristow for T-Hangar No. 11 at Athens Municipal Airport.

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

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

Tyler Hendrickson stated the Christmas Parade was great.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,  
SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS, DELIBERATIONS REGARDING  
CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION;  
DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND  
DUTIES OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session.

The City Council returned to Regular Session.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION; SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS;  
REGARDING CANDIDATES, APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND DUTIES  
OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2015.

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Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary