

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 25, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, August 25, 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

others present: Haven Cox, David Hopkins, Sherri Skeeters, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, Glen Herriage, Rich Flowers, Michael Hannigan, Brian Malone, Tyler Henderson, Charles Spann, John Ball, and other concerned citizens;

with the following member absent: Monte Montgomery;

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

The invocation was given by David Hopkins..

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Mayor Vaught opened the Public Hearing on Tax Increase for fiscal year 2014-2015. There was no discussion from the public and the public hearing was closed.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

Brian Malone presented the Athens Economic Development Corporation's (A.E.D.C.) budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. There was no discussion. A motion was made by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve the A.E.D.C.'s budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR STERITEC, INC. AND APPROVING PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT.

Mr. Malone presented A.E.D.C.'s incentive package for Steritec, Inc. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to approve the Incentive Package and Performance Agreement for Steritec Inc., as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING REZONING OF LOT 55D, T. PARMER SURVEY FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY LUMBERJACK PARTNERS LLC (1220 S. PALESTINE ST.).

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development, explained that the owner of this property has closed their business and is requesting the property be rezoned back to Commercial. He further explained 14 letters were mailed to surrounding property owners and no responses were received. The Public Hearing was closed.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING OF LOT 55D,
T. PARMER SURVEY FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY
LUMBERJACK PARTNERS LLC (1220 S. PALESTINE ST.).

Ms. Cox read the Ordinance aloud. Motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 55D, T. PARMER SURVEY FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL. The motion carried unanimously

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ANGELINA & NECHES RIVER AUTHORITY NECHES
COMPOST FACILITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities presented the budget for Angelina & Neches River Authority Neches Compost Facility for fiscal year 2015. Mr. Herriage explained the City's increase will be 2.2%.

City Administrator, Pam Burton explained to the Council that the City Attorney had reviewed the Contract. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER RENEWAL OF PROPERTY/LIABILITY/WORKERS'
COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

Ms. Burton updated the Council of Staff's recommendation to renew Property/Liability/Workers' Compensation Insurance with Texas Municipal League (TML) on 10-01-14, explaining that the City will be adding the Cain Center to the property insurance at an additional amount of \$8,093. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Elliot to renew the property/liability/workers compensation insurance with TML adding the Cain Center, as presented. The carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED FOR REMOVAL OF SLUDGE FROM
SURFACE WATER PLANT LAGOONS AND DISPOSAL TO SLUDGE DISPOSAL
SITE OWNED BY ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY.

Mr. Herriage presented bids for the removal of sludge and recommended the bid be awarded to low bidder, Terra Renewal, at a cost of 0.038 per gallon. A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to award the bid for removal of sludge from surface water plant lagoons and disposal to sludge disposal site owned by Athens Municipal Water Authority to Terra Renewal at a cost of 0.038 per gallon. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED FOR ONE (1) NEW 2015 MODEL ½-TON
PICKUP FOR USE IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Herriage presented the bids received for the new 2015 Model ½-Ton Pickup for use in Wastewater Treatment Department. After discussion, a motion was by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to award the bid for the 2015 Model ½ Ton Pickup to the low bidder, Caldwell Country Chevrolet, at the cost of \$19,893.00. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM
EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRMS FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION.

Ms. Burton informed the Council that four (4) proposals were received from Executive Search Firms for the City Administrator Position consisting of: The Austin Peters Group, Inc. at a cost of \$12,000-\$17,000 plus expenses; Chris Hartung Consulting LLC at a cost of \$14,000 base plus expenses; Strategic Government Resources at a cost of \$18,500 plus \$8,500 expenses; Affion Public, LLC at a cost of \$21,000. After discussion, it was determined that Chris Hartung and Strategic Resources would be invited to make formal presentations at next Council meeting.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

This item was tabled.

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

1. Charles Spann, 702 Mulberry Drive, expressed his concern with the following items: Appointment of Auditor, Agendas, Website, Budget, and Opens Meeting Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONDUCT INTERVIEWS OF TOP TWO CANDIDATES FOR CITY SECRETARY; DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT AND DUTIES OF THE CITY SECRETARY AND SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT.

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session.

The City Council returned to Regular Session.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING IN DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING E

A motion was made by Mayor Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to make a conditional offer of employment to Bonnie Hambrick as City Secretary, contingent upon passing physical and drug screen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vaught introduced Ms. Hambrick to the audience. Ms. Hambrick thanked the Council for being selected and stated she is looking forward to serving the Council and the Citizens of Athens.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING IN DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFER OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVES TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT.

No action taken.

ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary