

SPECIAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Thursday, November 19, 2015, 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
Monte Montgomery, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Elliott
Tres Winn
Joe Whatley

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: David Hopkins, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Gordon Mayer, Gary Whittle, Haven Cox, Blake Wilson, Michael Hannigan, Rich Flowers, Brent Muecke, Lisa Denton, 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 CONCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF
CONSULTANT/LIAISON TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AVIATION DIVISION AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager, explained that earlier in the year Council had appointed Phil Becker as the TxDOT Liaison and all work through 11-19-15 has been completed. He stated he would like to conclude the liaison with Mr. Becker, and allow our new consultant to take over the duties. Mr. Becker would also advise when his services are needed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Elliot to approve the concluding of the appointment of Phil Becker the consultant/liaison to Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division and Federal Aviation Administration. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Brent Muecke, Larue Texas

1. Informed Council on the Letter to the Editor in Saturday's paper. The registration form consent release is alarming.
2. Also informed about a couple of trees that were down around the track at the Cain Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING
CONTEMPLATED AND PENDING LITIGATION, WOOD STREET PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2) TO CONSULT WITH AND SEEK THE LEGAL ADVICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ASSETS FROM A DISSOLVING NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS; TO DELIBERATE ON THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT POSITION.

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

The City Council returned to Special Session at 7:16 p.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING CONTEMPLATED AND PENDING LITIGATION, WOOD STREET PROJECT.

A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to Authorize the City Attorney to continue negotiations regarding the Wood Street Project. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ASSETS FROM A DISSOLVING NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to Authorize the City Attorney and BMC Attorney for accepting non-profit assets. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT POSITION.

No action taken.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Rodriguez updated Council, stating there will be 3 remaining meetings throughout December. November 23, December 7, and December 14.

Cain Center Turkey Trot will take place, and the City will make sure that all issues regarding the Turkey Trot will be taken care of. Also he would like to encourage the citizens that when a problem is noticed to please keep the City updated. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATE

No update.

ADJOURN

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER 2015.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary