

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 4, 2015

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 8:30 a.m. in the City of Athens Training Center, 622 S. Prairieville St. with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Monte Montgomery, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Elliott
Joe Whatley
Tres Winn

Philip Rodriguez, City Administrator
David Hopkins, Finance Director
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

DISCUSS/CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGETS
AND PROGRAMS, STRATEGIES, VISION AND GOALS

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

City Manager Philip Rodriguez stated he prepared a draft budget for Fiscal Year 2016, with input from staff. He stated the focus has been on Core Services. Mr. Rodriguez presented budget highlights stating the new General Fund budgeted reserve of \$1,909.359, is the first in the City's history.

Mr. Rodriguez stated the focus for this budget is on Core Services, such as Streets, Clean Water, and Fire and Police protection.

David Hopkins, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director reviewed revenue and franchise fees. Mr. Rodriguez thanking Mr. Hopkins for his hard work during the budget process.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the following proposed departments' budgets: City Manager's Office, Personnel/Civil Service, Finance & Technology.

The City Council adjourned for break at 9:49 a.m.
The City Council reconvened to Special Session at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the following proposed departments Mayor/Council, City Secretary's Office, Public Health and Safety, and Facilities.

During discussion, Mr. Rodriguez stated that all employees would sign a new personnel form which would show the employee's total impact on the budget for the fiscal year as it begins in October so they know what the City's investment is in their position.

The City Council adjourned for lunch at 11:41 a.m.
The City Council reconvened to Special Session at 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the following departments proposed budgets: Public Health and Safety, Planning and Development, Facilities, and a newly created department proposed to the City Council: Community Development. This position will support the City Manager office on issues such as Tourism, Parks and Recreation and special projects.

The City Council adjourned for break at 1:28 p.m.
The City Council reconvened to Special Session at 1:34 p.m.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the following departments proposed budgets: Streets, Parks, Garage, Fire and Rescue, Code Enforcement Division, Municipal Court, Police Administration, Criminal Investigation, Patrol Division, Police Support Services, Non-Departmental, Airport Fund, Tourism, 2004 Water/Wastewater Bonds Fund, and the Utility Fund; which included Utility Administration, Water Production, and Line Maintenance.

New pay scales were discussed across all departments, with Councilmember Winn describing the need for fairness in the Fire Department's pay scale when someone is promoted.

No action was taken.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER PLACING PROPOSED SPECIFIC TAX RATE, TAX RATE
ADOPTION AND ALL RELATED MATTERS ON FUTURE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of August, 2015.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary