

WORK SESSION

APRIL 12, 2018

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Work Session on Thursday, April 12, 2018, 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville Street, Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor
Toni Clay
Aaron Smith
Robert Gross

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Thanasis Kombos, Buddy Hill, Barbara Holly, Jennifer Robertson, Tom and Lynn Leathem;

with the following member absent: Councilmember McCain

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Montgomery.

DISCUSS CITY OF ATHENS COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, provided the background history of the City's Council Rules and Procedures. She and the Mayor have discussed this item several times. She explained in the packet are copies of the Rules of Procedure adopted in 2000 and a copy of the City of Athens Council Rules and Procedures adopted in 2017. She explained the difference in the procedures is how a citizen can be placed on the agenda.

The City Council discussed how citizens can appear on the agenda.

Mayor Montgomery stated citizens should be heard by the Council.

Mayor Montgomery stated the following concerns:

- Time issue for contractors attempting to get low income tax credits
- Citizens having to be sponsored by a City Council member to be placed on the agenda

Buddy Hill, Chief of Police, agreed that citizens need an avenue to have grievances and issues addressed by the City Council. He further stated some issues can be resolved by the City Manager or appropriate staff members.

Councilwoman Clay agreed that the citizens need an avenue, however, there needs to be interaction with the City Manager.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to revise the City of Athens Council Rules and Procedures to add specific language that the City Manager will, within three (3) weeks of the Citizen's initial request, place the request on the agenda for the first available meeting if the request cannot be remedied sooner by city staff or the City Manager.

The item will appear on the April 23, 2018 agenda.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS, GRANTING THE CITY SECRETARY, CITY MANAGER OR CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE AUTHORIZATION TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL AND/OR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS IN CITY ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Mayor Montgomery presented the item. He expressed concern with granting anyone the ability to make changes in City Ordinances, Resolutions and related documents.

Councilmember Gross agreed that no one should have the ability to make changes in City Ordinances. He stated if changes are needed, the City Council should be made aware.

After discussion it was the consensus of the City Council to rescind Resolution R-9-17.

The item will appear on the April 23, 2018 agenda.

DISCUSS ZONING CHANGE FOR 405 LINDSEY LANE

Mayor Montgomery presented the issue. He stated during the last budget workshop it was discussed that the property would be changed into a green area. Mayor Montgomery stated he was made aware that direction was given to staff during a Vision and Planning Session in February 2017.

Ms. Borstad explained direction was given to staff regarding the property to rezone the property as Single Family -5 and have the property appraised for a future sale.

Ms. Borstad wanted to know if the City Council was aware of that direction and still in favor of it. After discussion it was the consensus of the City Council that staff would zone the property as Planned Development Single Family -5 (SF-5). Due to notice and advertising requirements, the item will appear on a future Planning and Zoning Commission agenda, followed by City Council action.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary