

WORK SESSION

MAY 31, 2018

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Work Session on Thursday, May 31, 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
Ed McCain, Mayor Pro-Tem
Toni Clay
Aaron Smith
Robert Gross

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Buddy Hill, Ryan Adams, John McQueary, Jennifer Robertson, Mandie Quigg, Shannon Easley and Deborah Deas;

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Monte Montgomery.

The City Council recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The City Council reconvened in Work Session at 12:15 p.m.

DISCUSS COLLECTION SITE

Mayor Montgomery stated the item was presented to the City Council for consideration to close the Collection Site and provide curbside pickup for an extra fee or leave the site opened. Mayor Montgomery stated several constituents have come forward wanting to leave the Collection Site open.

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager, asked Ryan Adams, Managing Director of Public Services, to refresh the City Council with his presentation regarding the Collection Site.

Mr. Adams presented two (2) current options for Bulk Garbage:

Dispose at City Collection Station

- Open Saturdays from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- Accepts residential waste with proof of residency
- Rates generally lower – DOES NOT COVER FULL COST

Dispose at County Waste Stations

- Open Weekdays and Saturday
- Rates generally higher
- Takes all refuse

He further presented the four (4) challenges with the Collection Station:

- Regulatory Requirements
- Cost Recovery
- Restriction Management
- Limited Access

Mr. Adams stated the cost to run the collection site is \$55,500 per year and last year it only brought in approximately \$14,201.

There was discussion regarding the regulatory requirements and associated cost.

Mandie Quigg, Director of Finance, reviewed current Collection Site budget and revenues.

Shannon Easley, Parks Superintendent, explained current issues with Saturday staffing.

Councilmember Gross expressed concerns regarding liability issues.

Additional discussion occurred.

After discussion, the City Council directed Staff to provide recommendations to increase the price and at a very minimum reduce the subsidy in half. Further direction was given to keep the Collection Site open for now and review cost increase and move forward from there.

Councilmember Smith requested that the item be revisited in a year.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION

JUNE 4, 2018

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Monday, June 4, 2018, 11:30 a.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:

Athens City Council

Monte Montgomery, Mayor
Ed McCain, Mayor Pro-Tem
Aaron Smith
Robert Gross

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

Athens Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Jeaneane Lilly
John Trent
Cliff Barrett
Cliff Bomer
Will Traxson

others present: Lisa Denton, Dede Sims, Travis Sessions, Tammy Clark;

with the following member absent Toni Clay;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Aaron Smith.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

ENTER INTO JOINT MEETING WITH ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The City Council entered into a Joint Special Session with the Athens Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING) TO DELIBERATE THE POSSIBLE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1702/1704 ENTERPRISE

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087 (DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS; CLOSED MEETING) DELIBERATIONS REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT: PROSPECT #1593

The City Council recessed at 11:36 a.m.

The City Council reconvened to Executive Session at 11:51a.m.

The City Council reconvened to Special Session at 1:25 p.m.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY, RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING) TO DELIBERATE THE POSSIBLE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1702/1704 ENTERPRISE

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY, RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087 (DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED MEETING) DELIBERATIONS REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT: PROSPECT #1593

Lisa Denton, Athens Economic Development Corporations' Executive Director, explained a proposed Industrial Lease Agreement and an Economic Performance Agreement was presented that would rebate back a portion of rents and tenant improvements.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCain, seconded by Councilmember Smith authorizing Lisa Denton, Athens Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director, the authority to negotiate on the parameters of the discussions in Executive Session with Biometrics. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary