

REGULAR SESSION

January 23, 2019

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Athens City Hall, 508 E. Tyler St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Justin Boswell
Bob Morton
Clyde Bowman
Willy Robson
Tere Lawyer
Andrea Copeland

Thanasis Kombos, Public Works Director

others present: Mayor Monte Montgomery, Janicia Evans, Blake Williamson, Colleen Nelson, Shelia Davis, Cory Frentress, Ruth Torres, and other interested citizens

with the following member absent: Scott Simpson

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Justin Boswell.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Thanasis Kombos, Public Works Director, introduced Tere Lawyer as a new member of the Parks Advisory Board. Mr. Kombos gave a brief summary on Ms. Lawyer's involvement with the City and Community.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2018
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Robson to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2018 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Montgomery commended the Park Advisory Board for the outstanding job done at O. D. Baggett Park.

HEAR PRESENTATION FROM ATHENS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
REGARDING BALLFIELD LIGHTING AT COLEMAN PARK

Mr. Kombos introduced Blake Williamson a representative from the Athens Leadership Institute (ALI). Mr. Williamson stated when ALI first began looking for projects that they could pursue as a group they were curious to learn the municipal process and how it works. He stated in that process they did a survey on what could help benefit the city. He stated overwhelmingly from survey; the citizens would like to see something for the kids that could help benefit them and they would like to see better ballfield lights at Coleman Park. He stated ALI was also looking for a project that could drive more revenue to the city and also bring in more “heads in beds”.

He stated better ballfield lights at Coleman Park would increase the revenues and bring in more “heads and beds”.

There was discussion regarding ballfield lighting at Coleman Park.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY
RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF BALLFIELD LIGHTING AT
COLEMAN PARK

Chairman Boswell agreed with ALI’s project for ballfield lighting at Coleman Park.

There was little discussion.

A motion was made by Member Robson, seconded by Member Lawyer to recommend the approval of ballfield lighting at Coleman Park. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Kombos stated that the Peach Park Project is 75% complete. He stated there is still some minor work needed at the park. Mr. Kombos identified the two (2) remaining items left as asphaltting the basketball court and the handicap parking area.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2019

Justin Boswell, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary