

## REGULAR SESSION

January 17, 2017

The Planning Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m. in the Development Service Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Tony Kalawe  
Aaron Smith  
Brady Autry  
Paul Ingram  
Steve Barksdale

Barbara Holly, Director Development Services

others present: Carol Morton, Anabel Camacho, Jose Camacho, Margarita Camacho

with the following member absent:

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

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE January 17, 2017, REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Autry, seconded by Member Smith to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017, Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**Held Public Hearing and discuss and consider amendments to provide for mobile food vendors subject to development standards and applicable zoning regulations (Z12-16-002) City of Athens**

Barbara Holly, Director of Development Services, explained that a code amendment authorizing Mobile Food Vendors has been presented several times to the Planning Commission. The city publicized the proposed zoning amendment in the newspaper and we have the public present for the public hearing. The revision requested by the Planning Commission has been made to the ordinance changing the one thousand feet minimum distance from site built restaurants to three hundred feet. Also, the hours of operation were extended to 8 AM from the prior 9 AM. The requirement for daily reporting to a brick and mortar location for cleaning, food preparation and proper disposal of the grease water with monthly manifest sheets is included. The license fee for this use has been set at \$1,000 annually to equalize

the investment of this use to site built restaurants. Mrs. Holly also presented fees that were requested by the Planning Commission for surrounding cities. The fees for mobile food vendors were: 1) Jacksonville has no cost, 2) Tyler charges \$150.00, and 3) Dallas charges \$340.00 over \$300.00.

Chair Kalawe opened the public hearing and expressed concern that the fee is higher than the other cities. Member Kalawe recommends it be \$300.00. Member Autry agreed with \$300. Member Kalawe addressed the audience to get input about pricing. Anabel Camacho replied that the price was fair for their business the Tamaulipan, located on E. Corsicana. Ms. Camacho also commented that they have an on-site grease trap to dispose of grease water.

Member Smith recommend that if the mobile food trucks have a grease trap on site they would not need to relocate the mobile food truck daily. Mrs. Holly replied this can be specified in the ordinance. Member Kalawe suggested that if the mobile food trucks are being required to contract for grease water disposal that in all fairness mobile food trucks owned by restaurants be required keep a log as well for their grease trap disposal to insure that is been monitored for all mobile food truck vendors.

A motion was made by Member Smith and second by Member Ingram to close the public hearing. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Member Smith and seconded by Autry to recommend the fee be set at \$300.00 annually for the Mobile Food Vendor with the requirement for daily reporting to a bricks and mortar location for cleaning, food preparation and storage, and grease water disposal. If a home based operation is used, a contract is to be provided that shows proper disposal of the grease water with monthly manifest sheets. If a site built restaurant issued for grease water disposal, daily logs of the greasy water discharge shall be maintained by the site built restaurant. Any mobile food unit serviced by an on-site grease trap of sufficient capacity to meet the daily discharge of the cooking water effluent, and the remaining conditions can be performed on-site, the foregoing activities may occur on site rather than by a daily visit to a commissary. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF February 2017.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Yadira Chairez Development Coordinator