

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Athens with the following members present, to-wit:

Chip Perryman
Mike Stover
Ed Gatlin
Steve Sparkman

Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director
Pam Watson, City Secretary
Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities
David Hopkins, Director of Finance
Bill Magee, Lake Inspector
Martin Bennett, A.M.W.A. Attorney

others present: Wayne Weeks, Chris Weeks and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: C.A. Hawn;

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

Director Perryman called the meeting to Order.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2011 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Sparkman to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT
A) STATUS REPORT ON LAKE ACTIVITIES

Bill Magee, Lake Inspector

- 1) Lake level is 3' 5" low.
- 2) Updated on construction.
- 3) Observing ramps due to lake level.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER WAIVING LATE FEES FOR ACCOUNT #W3-460, AS REQUESTED BY BRIAN FICKE (BEAR CREEK RD., TRACT 17B)

David Hopkins, Director of Finance explained that Mr. Ficke has stated that he did not receive his annual invoice for ingress/egress, pier/boathouse fees until July 6, 2011, therefore, he is requesting that the late fees be waived. Mr. Hopkins stated that the invoice was mailed in April, explaining that he will begin mailing a 2nd Notice to all property owners after June 1, prior to assessing late fees.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Perryman, seconded by Director Gatlin to deny the request to waive late fees for Account #W3-460, as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Hopkins, Director of Finance
Presented July financials.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr. Hopkins recommended the appointment of Smith, Lambright & Associates as Auditor for fiscal year ending 9/30/11. A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to appoint Smith, Lambright & Associates as Auditor for fiscal year ending 9/30/11. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities recommended that the bid for removal and disposal of sludge be awarded to low bidder, Terra Renwal LLC, at a cost of .039 per gallon. A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Sparkman to award the bid for removal and disposal of sludge to Terra Renewal LLC at a cost of .039 per gallon. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Chris Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Opening bids for Filter Rehab Project on Tuesday.

Wayne Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Updated on Spillway Project.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Gatlin to approve the payment of statements, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Mr. Hopkins explained that the current tax rate is .124673, with .129343 being the rollback tax rate. He presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, with the Tax Fund totaling \$1,529,175 and the Revenue Fund totaling \$91,240.

Mr. Herriage reviewed operational line items.

City Secretary Pam Watson explained that due to recent changes in the law (S.B. 100) and Henderson County being unable to lease election equipment to A.M.W.A. for elections held in even numbered years, it will be necessary to make arrangements to obtain equipment. She reviewed the \$19,000 purchase price for equipment, as included in the budget. She recommended that A.M.W.A. consider jointly purchasing the equipment with the City of Athens to reduce costs for both entities. It was the consensus of the Board to pursue this option if the City of Athens is in agreement.

VOTE TO PLACE A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A SPECIFIC TAX RATE ON A FUTURE AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Stover to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate of .124673 on a future agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Sam Whitten,

Discussed hydrillia at Lake Athens and the survey performed by Texas Parks & Wildlife.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY;
DELIBERATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE AND
VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Gatlin to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Gatlin to return to Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Director Perryman, seconded by Director Stover to exercise the option to purchase approximately 200 acres, located in the Powder River Ranch, from Hijo, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Stover, seconded by Director Gatlin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

W.C. "Chip" Perryman, III, President

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary