

SPECIAL SESSION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Randy Daniel, Mayor
Jerry Don Vaught
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Brian Malone, Tyler Hendrickson, Steve Grant, Tere Lawyer and other interested citizens;

with the following members absent: Elaine Jenkins, Carol Barton;

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Daniel.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Tyler Hendrickson, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) North & South Loop Project is progressing.

CAIN CENTER REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CAIN CENTER OPERATIONS

Steve Grant, Cain Center Board Member introduced Pat Gresham, Interim Executive Director for the Cain Center. Mr. Grant updated on the following:

- 1) Establishing committees to review operations of Cain Center.
- 2) Football Program will begin this weekend.
- 3) Updated on projected revenue, including \$27,500 contribution from Henderson County.

ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Brian Malone, President & CEO of Athens Economic Development Corporation updated the Council on the following:

- 1) Current financials
- 2) Marketing/Advertising
- 3) Projects
- 4) Joint Office Project, building at 201 W. Corsicana St. acquired on 9/14/10.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development updated on the following current and proposed projects:

- 1) Howard Measurement Co. nearing completion on new construction.
- 2) Prosperity Bank pulled permit for new construction.
- 3) Athens Jet Center received approval from TxDOT Aviation Division for 100' x 100' hangar, should pull permit next week.
- 4) Hunans Restaurant is relocating to 505 S. Palestine St.
- 5) East Texas Medical Center purchased cancer clinic at 1801 S. Palestine St. and are in process of remodeling.
- 6) East Texas Medical Center is progressing with expansion and renovation.
- 7) Permit issued for residence at 705 Mulberry Dr.
- 8) Athens Independent School District Annex is constructing new building and remodeling existing at 708 East College.
- 9) Permits issued for residences at 1000 and 1002 Dove Creek.
- 10) Steritech expanding existing building.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

- A) **DISCUSS FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE REZONING LOTS 10B & 11B, BLOCK 8, PARK HIGHLAND SUBDIVISION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-10 TO OFFICE, OWNED BY WILLIAM CARTER (712 S. PALESTINE ST.)**

Mr. Crecelius explained that this property is being rezoned for business rental property. He stated that twelve (12) surrounding property owners were notified, no objections were received and the Zoning Commission approved the rezone on 9/21/10. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, 9/27/10.

- B) **DISCUSS FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 11, BLOCK 113, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-7 TO RETAIL, OWNED BY JEFFERY & WEADER ENOCH (726 UNDERWOOD ST.)**

Mr. Crecelius explained that this request for rezone was denied by the Zoning Commission on 9/21/10, based upon opposition from surrounding property owners, and will not appear on the agenda.

- C) **DISCUSS A RESOLUTION ABANDONING AN UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF ALLEN STREET LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 8 & 10 AND LOTS 11 & 12, BLOCK 113, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION, AS REQUESTED BY JEFFERY ENOCH, JOEY BAGGETT AND ROBERT REEVE**

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities explained that a request has been received to abandon an undeveloped portion of Allen St., with there being no utilities in this portion and staff having no objection. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- D) **DISCUSS REQUEST TO DECORATE GINGER'S PARK DURING HOLIDAY SEASON**

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that the "Light Up Athens" Committee is requesting authorization to decorate Ginger's Park on 11/20/10 for the holiday season. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- E) **DISCUSS CLOSING A PORTION OF OWEN STREET FOR HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 23, 2010, AS REQUESTED BY TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Ms. Burton explained that Trinity Valley Community College is requesting authorization to close the portion of Owen St., on the south side of the football stadium from the corner of the field house to Dull Averiette St., on 10/23/10 from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 6:00 p.m. for Homecoming festivities. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS APPROVING ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Mr. Malone presented A.E.D.C.'s budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

G) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mayor Daniel explained that A.E.D.C. is recommending the reappointment of David Holdredge and the appointments of Kelly Smith and Randy Daniel to the A.E.D.C. Board of Directors. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

H) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

David Hopkins, Director of Finance reviewed proposed budget adjustments for the Law Enforcement Grants Fund, Utility Fund, First-Time Sewer Grant Fund, General Fund, TDHCA Grant Fund, Airport Fund, Airport Grants Fund, Downtown Capital Improvements Fund, 2004 Water & Wastewater Bond Fund and Special Donations Fund, for fiscal year 2009-2010. The items will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 SPECIAL SESSIONS AND SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #O-30-08, INCREASING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER RATES
- C) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NEW RATES FOR ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION

The following items will appear on the Consent Agenda and one (1) motion will be required to approve all of the items.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010.

ATTEST:

Randy Daniel, Mayor

Pam Watson, City Secretary