

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 12, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, January 12, 2009, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry Don Vaught, Mayor Pro Tem
Carroll Maberry
Elaine Jenkins
Carol Barton

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Jack Holland, City Attorney
Haven Cox, Director of Human Resources

others present: Glen Herriage, David Hopkins, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Elaine Coffman, Chris Weeks, Lauren Ricks, Dena Dunn, Mark Watson and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Randy Daniel;

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

The invocation was given by Police Chief Buddy Hill.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH BRINKLEY SARGENT ARCHITECTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT SERVICES FOR FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that the City recently sought proposals for Professional Architect Services for a facility needs assessment for a new Police Department and Council Chambers, with the Council authorizing staff to negotiate a price with Brinkley Sargent Architects due to their extensive background in police facilities. She stated that Brinkley Sargent Architects has submitted a proposal for the Facility Needs Assessment at a cost of \$39,500, however, it is staff's recommendation to place the study on hold for approximately ninety (90) days due to the economy and the City's sales tax being down for the past three (3) months. She stated that Brinkley Sargent Architects will honor their contract price for ninety (90) days.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaught recommended that the Facility Needs Assessment be placed on hold for sixty (60) days. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Vaught to place the item on hold for sixty (60) days and re-evaluate at that time. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ABANDONING AN ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCK 39, LOTS 1B & 1C, ATHENS OLD TOWN SUBDIVISION AND BLOCK 22, LOT 1, LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION, AS REQUESTED BY DENA DUNN (WEST TYLER ST.)

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities explained that the City is in receipt of a letter requesting the closing of an alleyway that is approximately twenty ft. (20') in width. He stated that the Dunn's own the property on both sides of the alleyway and they are wanting to expand their detail shop that is located on the property, which will require closing the alleyway. He stated that there are no utilities in this area and staff has no objections to abandoning the alleyway. After discussion, a motion was

made by Councilmember Maberry, seconded by Councilmember Barton to approve A RESOLUTION ABANDONING AN ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCK 39, LOTS 1B & 1C, ATHENS OLD TOWN SUBDIVISION AND BLOCK 22, LOT 1, LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2008 REGULAR SESSION
- B) CONSIDER FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 2, BLOCK 1, GINSBERG VILLAGE SUBDIVISION FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-10 TO RETAIL, OWNED BY ROCIO VASQUES (1007 S. PALESTINE ST.)

Haven Cox, Director of Human Resources read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary