

SPECIAL SESSION

DECEMBER 3, 2008

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 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
Carroll Maberry
Elaine Jenkins
Carol Barton

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary
Jack Holland, City Attorney

others present: Gary Crecelius, Glen Herriage, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Haven Cox, Elaine Coffman, Chris Weeks and Lauren Ricks;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Chris Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Will open bids for water lines on 12/04/08.
- 2) Sewer project plans should be completed soon.
- 3) Water line project plans should be ready early next year.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING DECEMBER 26, 2008 AS A CITY OF ATHENS HOLIDAY

A motion was made by Councilmember Maberry, seconded by Mayor Daniel to authorize Friday, December 26, 2008 as a City of Athens holiday. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS EXTENSION OF ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TENANT AGREEMENT WITH K.R. CRAIGHEAD

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development explained that Mr. Craighead's Airport Tenant Agreement will expire 12/31/08 and he is requesting a five (5) year extension of the Agreement. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, 12/08/08.

B) DISCUSS LEASE RATES FOR T-HANGARS AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Mr. Crecelius stated that he surveyed t-hangar lease rates at surrounding airports and they are comparable to the current lease rate of \$175 per month that is charged by the City of Athens. The Airport Advisory Board will discuss these rates on 12/04/08 and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION FOR ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Mr. Crecelius explained that staff is requesting authorization to apply to Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division for a 50/50 matching grant to install a security gate and cameras at the entrance to Athens Municipal Airport at an approximate cost of \$30,000, with the City's portion being \$15,000. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS AWARDED BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 18-INCH, 16-INCH AND 12-INCH WATER LINES

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities informed the Council that bids for the construction of 18-inch, 16-inch and 12-inch water lines will be opened on 12/04/08 and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO SUBSTANDARD BUILDING COMMISSION

City Administrator Pam Burton informed the Council that Reynaldo Zavala has moved outside the City limits and is no longer eligible to serve on the Substandard Building Commission, with Cody Robertson volunteering to fill the vacancy. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Cody Robertson and Greg Sanders are expiring from the Zoning Commission. She stated that Mr. Robertson has served two (2) consecutive terms and is ineligible for reappointment, however, Brandon Smith has volunteered for appointment. She stated that Greg Sanders has expressed his desire for reappointment. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

G) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Burton informed the Council that Ken Craighead and Jerry Waddell recently filled unexpired terms on the Airport Advisory Board and these terms are expiring, with both desiring reappointment. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

H) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO PARKS BOARD

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Jay Eckert, Hugh Armstrong and Clyde Bowman, Sr. are expiring from the Parks Board, with all desiring reappointment. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2008 SPECIAL SESSION AND NOVEMBER 24, 2008 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE REZONING LOTS 52C & 52D, D. HARRISON LEAGUE FROM AGRICULTURE TO SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (TOWNHOMES), OWNED BY FRED NEELY (CORNER OF ROBBINS RD. & GIBSON RD.)

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda and one motion will be required to approve all of the items.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary