

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 27, 2008

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, October 27, 2008, 5:30 p.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  
Carol Barton

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

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

with the following member absent: Elaine Jenkins;

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.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-33-90 AND ORDINANCE O-06-03, INCREASING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND BULK WATER RATE

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that these rates are based upon the recent Utility Rate Study conducted by Willis, Graves & Associates, Inc. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the bulk water rate be increased to \$5.00 for FY 2008-09 and increased three percent (3%) for each of the next four (4) fiscal years. City Secretary Pam Watson read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Barton to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-33-90 AND ORDINANCE O-06-03, INCREASING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND BULK WATER RATE. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE A-934, ORDINANCE A-990, ORDINANCE 29-89 AND ORDINANCE O-10-97, AMENDING MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES

Ms. Burton explained that this Ordinance will increase miscellaneous fees and charges, including the residential customer utility deposit increasing from \$25 to \$50 and the reconnect fee increasing from \$12 to \$50 during normal business hours and to \$100 after hours. Ms. Watson read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Maberry, seconded by Councilmember Barton to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE A-934, ORDINANCE A-990, ORDINANCE 29-89 AND ORDINANCE O-10-97, AMENDING MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING REZONING OF LOT 28, ROXANA HURT ESTATE FROM AGRICULTURE TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY HUDSON-FULTON PROPERTIES (400 ATHENS BRICK RD.)

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development stated that this property is being rezoned for an office building, with six (6) surrounding property owners being notified and no responses being received. He stated that the Zoning Commission approved the rezone on 10/21/08.

Britt Patterson with Berry & Clay Construction explained that they will be constructing a 12,000 sq. ft. office building to be used by the State of Texas Department of Family Protection Services.

There was no discussion from the public and the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 28, ROXANA HURT ESTATE FROM AGRICULTURE TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY HUDSON-FULTON PROPERTIES (400 ATHENS BRICK RD.)

Ms. Watson read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 28, ROXANA HURT ESTATE FROM AGRICULTURE TO COMMERCIAL. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOTS A & B, C.L. LOPER SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY CLYDE SCOTT (812 & 814 EDNA ST.)

Mr. Crecelius explained that this replat will reconfigure two (2) lots to allow for the construction of a single-family residence or duplex, with the Zoning Commission approving the replat on 10/21/08. A motion was made by Councilmember Maberry, seconded by Councilmember Barton to approve the replat of Lots A & B, C.L. Loper Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SEEK REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICES REGARDING FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Ms. Burton explained that a facility needs assessment was discussed during the budget process, proposing that the Council authorize staff to seek RFQ's for these services which will be opened on 11/14/08 at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to authorize staff to seek Requests for Qualifications for Services Regarding Facility Needs Assessment. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING VELVIN & WEEKS CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 18-INCH, 16-INCH AND 12-INCH WATER LINES

A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Barton to authorize Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers to advertise for bids for construction of 18-inch, 16-inch and 12-inch water lines. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA;

A) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2008 SPECIAL SESSION AND OCTOBER 13, 2008 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Maberry 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 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.

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Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary