

SPECIAL SESSION

OCTOBER 22, 2008

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 11:30 a.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
Carol Barton

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

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

with the following members absent: Randy Daniel, Elaine Jenkins;

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.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Chris Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Updated on Impala Pt. Project, walk-thru inspection should be conducted by the end of next week.
- 2) Ready to request authorization to advertise for bids for 18" water main on next agenda.
- 3) Continuing with design work on water main around Loop.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SEEK REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICES REGARDING FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that a facility needs assessment was discussed during the budget process, proposing that the City seek qualifications for these services. The item will appear on the agenda on Monday, 10/27/08.

B) DISCUSS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATE STUDY

David Hopkins, Director of Finance explained that revenue projections in the current budget were based upon current budgeted expenditures, with the assumption that a rate study would be conducted and rates implemented to obtain the necessary revenue.

Thomas Graves with Willis, Graves & Associates, Inc. presented an outline of the water and sewer utility rate study, including projected rates which will include an eight percent (8%) increase for an average residential customer for FY 2008-09 and a three percent (3%) increase for each of the next four (4) fiscal years. He also presented revised miscellaneous fees and charges.

Ms. Burton stated that an Ordinance will be prepared to reflect the recommended rates and will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS 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 explained that this property is being rezoned to allow for the construction of a 12,000 sq. ft. office building to be used for the State of Texas Department of Family Protection Services which will employ approximately forty-three (43) employees. He stated that six (6) surrounding property owners were notified and no responses were received, with the Zoning Commission approving the rezone on 10/21/08. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS 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. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

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

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

PRESENTATION OF OFFICIAL CITY OF ATHENS WEBSITE

City Secretary Pam Watson and Mr. Hopkins presented the official City of Athens website which is located at www.athenstexas.us.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary