

SPECIAL SESSION

JANUARY 7, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 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
Carol Barton

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

others present: Glen Herriage, Buddy Hill, Haven Cox, Elaine Coffman, Chris Weeks, Lauren Ricks 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.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Chris Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Updated on 18" water line, anticipate construction beginning next month.
- 2) Completed final design on sewer project.
- 3) 45-50% complete with water line project.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS CONTRACT WITH BRINKLEY SARGENT ARCHITECTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT SERVICES FOR FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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. She stated that they have submitted a proposal for the Facility Needs Assessment at a cost of \$39,500, however, due to the sales tax being down approximately 7.8%, she recommended that the Council place this item on hold for ninety (90) days. Councilmember Maberry expressed his concern with delaying this item. This item will appear on the agenda on Monday, January 12, 2009.

B) DISCUSS ABANDONING A PORTION OF ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCK 39, LOTS 1B & 1C, ATHENS OLD TOWN AND LOT 1, LARGE LOT 22, T. PARMER SURVEY, AS REQUESTED BY DENA DUNN

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities explained that the City is in receipt of a letter requesting the closing of an alleyway, being approximately twenty ft. (20') in width, with staff having no objections. Ms. Dunn stated that they own the property on both sides of the alleyway and they want to expand their business which will require closing the alleyway. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2008 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS 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.)

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

Glen Herriage introduced the newly hired City of Athens Utility Superintendent, Kirk Kebodeaux.

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

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary