

SPECIAL SESSION

DECEMBER 9, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, December 9, 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

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, Haven Cox, Buddy Hill, David Hopkins, Lauren Ricks and other interested citizens;

with the following members absent: Elaine Jenkins, Carol Barton;

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

Tyler Hendrickson, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) 18" Water Line Project is complete.
- 2) Working on East & West Sewer Grant Project.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER CANCELING THE DECEMBER 28, 2009
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to cancel the December 28, 2009 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. TWO (2) FOR 18", 16" AND
12" WATER LINES PROJECT

Mr. Hendrickson explained that this Change Order will decrease the 18", 16" and 12" Water Lines Project by \$202,446.01, with the savings being spent on another project. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, 12/14/09.

B) DISCUSS POINT TO POINT SHELTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF
ATHENS AND LIBERTY COUNTY

John McQueary, Fire Chief explained that the Emergency Management Director has been contacted by FEMA and the City of Athens is being asked for assistance in providing shelter for emergency evacuations. He stated that the City can limit the number of evacuees that will be bussed in and can deny special needs cases. He stated that area churches have provided Letters of Agreement to assist with providing shelter.

City Administrator Pam Burton recommended that the City accept no more than 300 bussed in evacuees, explaining that the State will reimburse the City for all costs associated with shelter.

Chief McQueary recommended approval of a Point to Point Shelter Agreement, stating that the City is not committed to nor tied in to the Agreement. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO BUILDING CODE AND FIRE CODE

Fire Chief McQueary explained that Fire Marshall Ronnie Denton is proposing the prohibition of wood shingles in the City of Athens. Chief McQueary recommended this prohibition and that existing wood shingles be grandfathered.

Chief McQueary also recommended that the Council consider placing a cost on new construction inspections for sprinkler systems, alarms, etc. to recapture costs for fuel and Fire Department Personnel.

These items will appear on a future agenda.

D) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Richard Sanders, Tere Lawyer and Bob McDonald are expiring from the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with all desiring reappointment. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Billy Murphree, Greg Mason and Pat Basher are expiring from the Zoning Commission, with Mr. Murphree and Mr. Mason desiring reappointment. She stated that Cody Robertson has volunteered for appointment and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of David Stewart, R.E. Dwelle and John Cain are expiring from the Airport Advisory Board, with all desiring reappointment. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

G) DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS BOARD

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the terms of Billy Si McCaleb, Lillian Bell, Steve Grant and Andrea Copeland are expiring from the Parks Board and their reappointments will appear on the agenda Monday.

H) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO SUBSTANDARD BUILDING COMMISSION

Ms. Burton informed the Council that there is one (1) vacancy on the Substandard Building Commission and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

I) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO ATHENS HOUSING AUTHORITY

Ms. Burton informed the Council that one (1) vacancy remains on the Athens Housing Authority.

J) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO NECHES & TRINITY VALLEYS
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Burton informed the Council that the City of Athens must make an appointment to the Neches & Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION AND NOVEMBER 23, 2009 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE CREATING SITE PLAN AND REZONING LOT 4A-4, E. HOLLAND SURVEY FROM AGRICULTURE-PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO COMMERCIAL-SPECIFIC USE PROVISION, OWNED BY DEBORAH WALKER (SOUTHEAST LOOP 7 & HWY. 175 EAST./C.R. 4708)
- C) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 2, BLOCK 14, PARK HIGHLAND SUBDIVISION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-10 TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY ELEANOR FARR (811 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.

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary