

SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 22, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, April 22, 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

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

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) In process of obtaining easements for sewer project.
- 2) Updated on 18" water main project, progressing faster than expected.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development

- 1) One (1) new house currently under construction.
- 2) New State Health office building under construction on Athens Brick Rd.
- 3) Dr. Allen has pulled permit for new dental office on Crestway.
- 4) Cowboy Church has pulled two (2) permits for restrooms and concession stand for rodeo arena.
- 5) Towers of Texas has received all permits required for operations of new communication tower on North Wofford St.
- 6) Old carwash on South Palestine St. has been demolished and new carwash will be constructed.
- 7) Received preliminary plans for construction of 26,000 sq. ft. building at old Eaton Motor Company site, with 8,000 sq. ft. being utilized by Aaron's Furniture and the remaining 8,000 sq. ft. being rented out according to tenant needs.
- 8) Old restrooms have been demolished at Kiwanis Park.
- 9) Received construction plans for Athens Independent School District's \$1 million dollar remodel at South Athens Elementary School.
- 10) No news on Best Western possibly locating to area.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

- A) DISCUSS REQUEST TO ABANDON A PORTION OF OLD TOWN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN OWEN ST. AND ROYAL ST., AS REQUESTED BY ATHENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Crecelius explained that A.I.S.D. has requested that the City abandon the portion of Old Town Alley that is located between Owen St. and Royal St. to allow them to utilize the area for parking. He stated that since there is a waterline and meters in the alleyway, the City will need to retain a 22.5 ft. easement. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, 4/27/09.

- B) DISCUSS REQUEST TO ABANDON BRUCE STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN ROYAL STREET AND OWEN STREET, AS REQUESTED BY ATHENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Crecelius explained that A.I.S.D. is requesting that the City officially abandon Bruce St., which is located in front of the field house, between Owen St. and Royal St. He stated that there are no utilities in this area and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- C) DISCUSS REPLAT OF LOTS 303 & 304, WATERS EDGE RANCH, PHASE II, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ATHENS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, OWNED BY KEVIN ATWOOD (LAGO VISTA DR.)**

Mr. Crecelius explained that this will replat two (2) lots into one (1) lot, with the Zoning Commission approving the replat on 4/21/09. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION AND APRIL 13, 2009 REGULAR SESSION**

This item will appear on the Consent Agenda and one motion will be required to approve the item.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
1) SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY;
DELIBERATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE AND
VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY**

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

The City Council returned to Regular Session at 12:04 p.m.

**CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to authorize the City Administrator to proceed with options regarding the purchase of real property. 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 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2009.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary