

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 31, 2011

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, 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  
Carol Barton  
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator  
Pam Watson, City Secretary  
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Glen Herriage, Buddy Hill, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Darlene Forshage, Charles Cole, Cecilia Bowles 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.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2011-2012

Mayor Daniel opened the public hearing concerning the tax increase for fiscal year 2011-2012.

1. Charles Cole, 1119 Lonnie Dr.;

Questioned if the reason for the tax increase is to cover the budget shortfall or to provide additional services for the City, with Mayor Daniel explaining that it does both by covering the shortfall and allowing the Street Improvement Program to be placed back into the budget.

2. Cecilia Bowles, 211 Guadalupe;

Asked if this is the fifth year in a row for the City of Athens to implement a tax increase, with Finance Director David Hopkins clarifying that this will be the third year in a row for a tax increase.

The public hearing was closed.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH HART  
INTERCIVIC, INC.

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that due to recent changes in the law (S.B. 100) and Henderson County being unable to lease election equipment to the City of Athens for elections held in even numbered years, it will be in the best interest of the City to purchase their own election equipment, with Staff recommending the purchase of election equipment from Hart InterCivic, Inc. at a cost of \$19,804.35.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Barton to authorize the purchase of election equipment from Hart InterCivic, Inc. at a cost of \$19,804.35, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

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Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary