

SPECIAL SESSION

December 3, 2008

The Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Special Session on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 10::00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex, 501 N. Pinkerton, Athens, Texas with the following members present to wit:

John Glover
John Trent
Haven Cox

with the following member absent: Terry Spurlock

others present: Fire Chief, John McQueary

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to wit:

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2008
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A motion was made by Member Trent, seconded by Member Glover to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHAPTER 143.028, ELIGIBILITY FOR
PROMOTION, AND CHAPTER 143.030, ELIGIBILITY FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION

Haven Cox, Civil Service Director updated the Commission that the Athens Fire Department has experienced some turnover in officer level positions in the past six months. The positions were Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal, Fire Captain and Fire Lieutenant.

She reported that a Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal promotional exam had been given on September 22, 2008 with two applicants passing the exam, a Captain promotional exam was given on November 21, 2008 with one candidate passing, a Lieutenant promotional exam was given on November 24, 2008 with seven candidates passing and one additional Captain promotional exam was to be given at a future date in January 2009. She explained due to all the recent promotional testing in the department there are not three candidates eligible in the next lower classification of (Lieutenant). She explained to the Commission that under civil service requirements in order to provide for a competitive examination the Commission would be required to open the promotional captain exam to the next lower classification of Lieutenant with two years or less.

Fire Chief, John McCreary also explained that he agreed with the Civil Service Director. He would like to see all three lieutenants have the ability to test for the captain exam, therefore, making the captain exam a competitive exam. All three lieutenants presently have four years or more which is a testing requirement under civil service.

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After further discussion, a motion was made by Member Trent, seconded by Member Glover to open the January 2009 Captain promotional examination to all three (3) Lieutenants with less than two years in that rank. The motion carried unanimously.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY 2009.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary