

SPECIAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 4, 2015

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Monte Montgomery, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Elliott
Joe Whatley
Tres Winn

David Hopkins, Interim City Administrator
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Michael Hannigan, Cory Frentress, Rich Flowers, Lisa Denton and other interested citizens;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Elliott filed a Conflict of Interest concerning the item "Discuss/consider approval of AEDC's funding of the following Business Assistance Grant Program Applications B) Athens Army/Navy & Pawn.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AEDC'S FUNDING OF THE
FOLLOWING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS
A) MOONSHINERS
B) ATHENS ARMY/NAVY & PAWN
C) TRAVEL INN

Lisa Denton, Executive Director of Athens Economic Development Corporation appeared before the City Council and requested approval of AEDC's Funding of the following Business Assistance Grant Program Applications. Ms. Denton explained that Moonshiners is requesting funding to assist in resurfacing the parking lot, new signs and painting on the exterior of the building with an estimated cost of \$21,000; Athens Army/Navy and Pawn is requesting funding to assist in resurfacing of the parking lot and new signs on the exterior of the building at a cost of \$21, 127 and Travel Inn is requesting funding assistance to resurface the parking lot with an estimated cost of \$21,000. Ms. Denton explained each grant is \$10,000 and AEDC has approved the funding and they are requesting approval by the City Council.

A) MOONSHINERS

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve AEDC's funding of the Business Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000 to Moonshiners. The motion carried unanimously.

B) ATHENS

A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve AEDC's funding of the Business Assistance Grant Program to Athens Army/Navy Pawn in the amount of \$10,000.

The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes; Mayor Vaught, Councilmember Whatley, Councilmember Winn and Councilmember Montgomery. Nays; none. Abstained: Councilmember Elliott.

C) TRAVEL INN

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Elliott to approve AEDC's funding of the Business Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000 to Travel Inn. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AEDC'S RESOLUTION FOR FIESER DEVELOPMENT, INC

Ms. Decker explained that A.E.D.C. has approved funding support to Fieser Development, Inc. She explained that Fieser Development, Inc. is applying for Housing Tax Credits and seeking Resolution authorizing funding support for Fairview Cottages and The Oaks of Fairview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve AEDC's Resolution for Fieser Development, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

- A) DISCUSS A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAY 9, 2015 CITY OF ATHENS GENERAL ELECTION.
(DISCUTA UNA RESOLUCIÓN ORDERNAR EL 9 DE MAYO, 2015 LA CIUDAD DE ATHENS ELECCION GENERAL.)

City Secretary Bonnie Hambrick explained that a Resolution Ordering the May 9, 2015 City of Athens General Election, for the purpose of electing Mayor, and one (1) Council Member, Place 1 and will appear on the agenda Monday.

- B) DISCUSS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Hambrick explained that this Resolution will allow joint agreement with Athens Independent School District to conduct joint election day polling at the Henderson County Election Center located at 201 East Larkin St. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

- C) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES AND CONDUCTION ELECTION DAY VOTING.

Ms. Hambrick explained that this Resolution will authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Henderson County for early voting and election day services for the May 9, 2015 General Election, with voting being conducted at the Henderson County Election Center located at 201 East Larkin St. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION, JANUARY 12, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY 21, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION, JANUARY 26, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN
RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

There was no discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY;
DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE VALUE AND POSSIBLE SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY ATHENS

The City Council did not enter Executive Session.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary