

JOINT SPECIAL SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 2013

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Joint Special Session with Athens Economic Development Corporation on Thursday, October 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m. in the City of Athens Training Center/EOC, 622 S. Prairieville St. with the following members present, to-wit:

Athens City Council

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Carol Barton
Elaine Jenkins
Monte Montgomery
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary

Athens Economic Development Corporation

David Holdredge, Chairman
Cliff Barrett
Joe Masso
Tere Lawyer
Maurice Cox
Kelly Smith

Brian Malone, Executive Director
Meadora Hawkins, Secretary

with the following A.E.D.C. member absent: Jess Laird;

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

Mayor Vaught called the meeting to Order for the Athens City Council.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY OF ATHENS AND ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Mayor Vaught explained that the purpose for this meeting was to allow both entities to brainstorm on ways to promote Athens and get on the same page. He expressed his feelings that A.E.D.C. is vital to the prosperity of Athens, however, there are feelings in the community that enough is not being done.

Councilmember Montgomery discussed candidate nominations to the A.E.D.C., expressing his desire to be able to discuss future candidates in more detail prior to voting on their appointment.

There was discussion concerning the possibility of more joint meetings in the future.

DISCUSS AMENDING BYLAWS OF ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Member Holdredge reviewed A.E.D.C. Attorney Steve Stark's research which allows for Directors of Economic Development Corporations to reside in the County if they reside within 10 miles of the City limits.

Mayor Vaught expressed his concerns with the Directors not being taxpayers and residents of the City of Athens.

City Administrator Pam Burton reviewed the history of A.E.D.C. and appointments to the Board of Directors.

After discussion, the consensus was that no more than three (3) members should be non-residents of the City of Athens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.087. DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

The Boards adjourned to Executive Session.

The Boards returned to Joint Special Session.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary