

REGULAR SESSION

DECEMBER 14, 2015

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, December 14, 2015, 4:30 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

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

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: David Hopkins, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Gordon Mayer, Gary Whittle, Haven Cox, Blake Wilson, Nasi Kombos, Blake Armstrong, Buck Kelly, Bill Gurley, Patty Hopkins, Rich Flowers, Michael Hannigan, Jim Anderson, Jason Boshier, Roger Keith, and other interested citizens;

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

INTRODUCTION OF AMY WILLIAMS

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager, gave Council the introduction of finalist for Director of Development, Amy Williams. He explained that Amy was an employee at Atmos with her most current role being Manager of Public Services Affairs, overseeing 35 different cities including Athens. She also has a Civil Engineer Degree from Florida State University.

Mr. Rodriguez also stated that the interview was an exhaustive process. He mentioned that Amy is able to balance the technical skills as well as the soft skills, and she will help redefine a culture where the City is focused on the customer.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AFFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF AMY WILLIAMS
AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn, affirming the appointment of Amy Williams as Director of Development. The motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed for thirty (30) minutes.

RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Rodriguez presented the annual tenure award to the following employees:

- A) 5 Year Service Award
 - a. Ryan McDonald
 - b. Jim Anderson
- B) 10 Year Service Award
 - a. Bryan Manry
 - b. Roger Keith
- C) 15 Year Service Award
 - a. Chris Womble
 - b. Paul Crayton
- D) 20 Year Service Award
 - a. David Hopkins
 - b. Eugene Lattis
 - c. Brett Morman
 - d. William Carlow

- E) 30 Year Service Award
 - a. Bill Gurley

Buddy Hill, Chief of Police, presented the Life Saving Award from Athens Police Department to Sergeant James Boshier. Sergeant Boshier saved the lives of five (5) stranded citizens during the storms back in May of 2015.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, AND DECEMBER 7, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Jerry Don Vaught, stated that the minutes for the December 7, 2015 Special Session were pulled from the agenda for voting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Elliot, approving the minutes of the November 23, 2015 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

- B) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LARRY BRADSHAW FOR T-HANGAR NO. 1 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- C) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CITABRIA PARTNERS FOR T-HANGAR NO. 2 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- D) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GERALD HENDERSON FOR T-HANGAR NO. 3 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- E) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EDWIN TORBETT FOR T-HANGAR NO.4 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- F) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RAY CLAPP FOR T-HANGAR NO. 5 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- G) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PAUL ST. ANDRE FOR T-HANGAR NO. 8 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- H) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CARROLL DYSON FOR T-HANGAR NO. 10 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- I) DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KEITH BRISTOW FOR T-HANGAR NO. 11 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

A motion was made by Councilmember Elliot, seconded by Councilmember Whatley, authorizing the lease agreements of items B thru I. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

- A) STATUS OF FY 2016 PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

Mr. Rodriguez provided the Council with updates on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. He stated the highlights are based on the City Council service priorities that were obtained during the budget workshop meetings. The budget outlines city expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Highlighted topics include:

- A) Legal fees increased to accommodate projects
- B) Remodel to the new EOC facility
- C) New position filled for Community Development
- D) Public Health department combined with Code Enforcement

- E) Improvements to Cain Park and Texas Theater
- F) Remodel of City Hall to accept Municipal Court
- G) Inclusion of new AMR water meters

B) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS PROJECTS

Gordon Mayer, Interim Director of Development, updated Council on the following:

1. Jewelry Store at 2009 Crestway has recently gotten started
2. Athens ISD had 2 deficiencies in the final inspection on November 24, awaiting notification for re-inspection.
3. 1220 S Palestine is finishing up, awaiting State Inspections
4. The winery/brewery on the square is continuing framing
5. Country Place Living and Elderly Care 209 Wood St, continuing framing
6. Gas leaks around the City are being inspected

C) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED UTILITY PROJECTS

Gary Whittle, Interim Operations Manager, updated Council on the following:

1. Water Production, the clearwell is progressing, welded rest of the tank, proposed finish date is Wednesday December 16, 2015.
2. State inspection had very minor issues, which includes; new signage requirements and daily reports.
3. Two (2) new lift pumps ordered estimated install is in March
4. Sixty-Nine (69) on water cut off list.
5. Geotech at Coleman Park has been completed, the preliminary report should be received this week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Hopkins, Finance & Technology Director, presented the October Financials.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING CREATION OF SITE PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 55F BLOCK TR227, PARK NINETEEN ADDITION FROM SINGLE FAMILY 10 TO SINGLE FAMILY 7, OWNED BY ATHENS INTEREST, LLC AND TOTAL FINANCING, LLC (S. PALESTINE)

Mr. Mayer, explained the proposed plans for this tract of land. It is to create a subdivision on the 7.17 acre tract. The current Zoning is Single Family 10. Staff supports the decision to change the Zoning from Single Family 10 to Single Family 7.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem, asked if there was adequate sewer and water for the new subdivision, Mr. Mayer stated that there is adjacent to the property.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CREATING OF SITE PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 55F BLOCK TR227, PARK NINETEEN ADDITION FROM SINGLE FAMILY 10 TO SINGLE FAMILY 7, OWNED BY ATHENS INTEREST, LLC AND TOTAL FINANCING, LLC (S. PALESTINE)

Blake Wilson, Finance & Compliance Specialist, read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Council Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve the first reading of an Ordinance creating Site Plan and Rezoning of Lot 55F Block TR227, Park Nineteen Addition from Single Family 10 to Single Family 7. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE CREATING SITE PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 16 BLOCK A, MATTHEWS ADDITION FROM RETAIL TO RETAIL-SPECIFIC USE PROVISION, OWNED BY DAL RIATA, LLC (115 MURCHISON)

Mr. Rodriguez requested that this item be pulled from the Agenda and is replaced with the Supplemental Agenda.

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Mr. Wilson read the Ordinance aloud. The item died due to lack of a motion.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDDING BIDS FOR STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION AND APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Mayer updated Council on the bids that were received for the Storage Tank Rehabilitation. The plans were prepared by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. The bids were opened on December 10, 2015. Eight (8) bids were received with the lowest bidder being J & A Coating Company \$374,400. The funds are included in the FY 15-16 Budget. This is a routine maintenance program that will be continued in the future.

Mr. Mayer stated the breakdown of Cost as follows:

- A) Elevated Tank
 - a. \$261,600 for Construction
 - b. \$17,200 for Engineering

Mr. Mayer stated that the total amount budgeted for this project was \$233,750. This project will require a net increase of \$45,050 out of the Utility Fund.

- B) 2004 Bond Program
 - a. \$112,800 for Construction
 - b. \$7,500 for Engineering

Mr. Mayer stated that the total amount budgeted for this project was \$55,000. This project will require a net increase of \$65,300 out of the Utility Fund.

Mr. Mayer stated that Staff recommends awarding the bid to J & A Coating Company, in the amount of \$374,400.

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, awarding the bid for Storage Tank Rehabilitation to J & A Coating Company for \$374,400, and also approving the budget adjustments. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SAM PACK'S FIVE STAR FORD, THROUGH THE STATE OF TEXAS PURCHASING CONTRACT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,219.52

Chief Hill, requested that Council authorize the purchase of 5 new vehicles for the Police Department. Chief Hill stated that he checked several different Cooperative Purchasing Programs while searching for the best value for the City. The Texas Purchasing Contract was in fact the best value.

A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, authorizing the purchase of five (5) vehicles for the Police Department from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford, through the State of Texas Purchasing Contract, in the amount of \$121,219.52. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no discussion.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Rodriguez stated that this was the last Council Meeting of the year. He also thanked staff for the great job with the help on the storm damage around the City.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATE

There was no update.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary