

SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

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

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

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Tyler Hendrickson, Brent Muecke, Alicia Watkins, Sanford E. Watkins, M.D., Misty Ferrell and other interested citizens;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS REQUEST TO GRANT A NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISE TO IMPEL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Dr. Sanford E. Watkins appeared before the City Council and explained that Impel Ambulance Service is a basic life support (BLS) provider and will provide non-emergency transfers for patients from nursing homes to doctor offices, wound care centers, cancer treatment centers and any other medical facilities, as needed. He explained that 9-1-1 calls will continue to go to the current emergency medical service (EMS) provider.

He explained that Impel's fee schedule is set by Medicare Reimbursement rates, therefore, their fees will be considerably less than those of other providers. He expressed his feelings that they will be providing a great service to nursing homes, providing 24-hour service with EMT trained drivers and staff.

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that the City has a contract through Henderson County for EMS, and the City has a First Responder Agreement.

Ms. Burton asked if Impel will respond to calls from individuals that are not on Medicare, with Dr. Watkins stating that they would prefer to deal with nursing homes, however, they will respond to individuals, and the fee structure will be less.

Fire Chief John McQueary expressed his feelings that Impel's service is unique, explaining that transportation currently provided by nursing homes and assisted living facilities does not offer medically trained drivers or operators.

Dr. Watkins stated that they have two (2) ambulances, have leased a building, and hope to be in operation in May 2013.

After discussion, Ms. Burton explained that the item will appear on the agenda Monday, April 8, 2013.

B) DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KIWANIS CLUB INTERNATIONAL OF ATHENS FOR KIWANIS PARK

Ms. Burton explained that this is an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Kiwanis Club International of Athens for Kiwanis Park to include terms concerning the new Splash Pad. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ALPHA-LEE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR JULY 4, 2013 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Ms. Burton explained that this Contract is for the Annual July 4th Fireworks Display at a total contract price of \$10,500.00, with the funds to be raised by the Light Up Athens Committee. She stated that the City has budgeted \$2,000 toward the project, however, the City will be responsible for any funding shortfall. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON COUNTY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Ms. Burton explained that this is the annual Contract and Agreement with Henderson County for Fire Protection, with the City's response area being a five (5) mile radius outside of the city limits. After discussion, Ms. Burton explained that the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS AWARDED BID FOR CAPITAL LEASE PROGRAM TO PURCHASE 2013 MODEL 600 COMDEX STREET SWEEPER

David Hopkins, Director of Finance, explained that six (6) bids were received for a capital lease program to purchase the street sweeper, recommending the bid be awarded to low bidder, Citizens National Bank of Henderson, Texas at an interest rate of 1.92%. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION AND MARCH 25, 2013 REGULAR SESSION**
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE CREATING SITE PLAN AND REZONING TRACT 254, T. PARMER SURVEY FROM OFFICE TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-5 (SPECIFIC USE PROVISION), OWNED BY BABIT, LLC (405 LINDSEY)**
- C) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE CREATING SITE PLAN FOR LOT 3, BLOCK 117, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, OWNED BY JERRY R. VAUGHT (909 EAST TYLER ST.)**
- D) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE CREATING SITE PLAN AND REZONING LOT 21A, G. CLARK SURVEY AND LOT 4A2, E. HOLLAND SURVEY FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-1, AGRICULTURE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-1, AGRICULTURE (SPECIFIC USE PROVISION), OWNED BY DEBORAH WALKER (2621 U.S. HWY. 175 EAST)**

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda Monday.

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

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary