

REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 9, 2012

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, April 9, 2012, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Randy Daniel, Mayor
Jerry Don Vaught
Elaine Jenkins
Carol Barton
Aubrey Jones

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, Sarah Hueber, Rich Flowers, Hayden Elder, Patti Hopkins, Annette Faulk, Tyler Hendrickson 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.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that the Council has worked on this Ordinance for several months and conducted two (2) public hearings for the purpose of receiving input from the public regarding the Ordinance. She stated that final reading of the Ordinance will be held in two (2) weeks.

City Secretary Pam Watson read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PARKING LOT FOR ATHENS FARMERS MARKET, AS REQUESTED BY D.J. WARREN, MARKET MANAGER

Ms. Burton informed the Council that Ms. Warren has revised the guidelines to prohibit the sell of animals at Athens Farmers Market. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins to authorize the use of the City Parking Lot for Athens Farmers Market on the requested Saturdays for the 2012 Market and 2013 Market, with the last Saturday in May of each year being excluded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER CLOSING A PORTION OF PRAIRIEVILLE ST. ON APRIL 21, 2012 FROM 5 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT, AS REQUESTED BY ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Burton explained that the Athens Chamber of Commerce is requesting to close the portion of Prairieville St. located on the west side of the Henderson County Courthouse on 4/21/12 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for a street dance that will follow the PRCA Rodeo VIP Sponsor Party. She stated that Texas Department of Transportation has no problem with the closing of the street.

Hayden Elder explained that they are attempting to grow the PRCA Rodeo back to a week long event, requesting flexibility of the four (4) hour period for closing the street.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Jones to authorize closing a portion of Prairieville St. on 4/21/12 for a four (4) hour period for a street dance, as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA;

A) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2012 SPECIAL SESSION AND MARCH 26, 2012 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary