

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, September 10, 2012, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry Don Vaught, Mayor Pro Tem
Carol Barton
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Sherri Skeeters, Tyler Hendrickson, Brent Muecke and other interested citizens;

with the following members absent: Randy Daniel, Elaine Jenkins;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jones.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSIDER FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

City Secretary Pam Watson read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Barton to approve FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 and move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .630387, which is effectively a 5.84 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESCINDING RESOLUTION #R-10-11, PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF ANY SCHOOL BUILDING CURRENTLY IN OPERATION AND OWNED BY ATHENS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that Athens Christian Academy has confirmed that their enrollment has dropped below 100 students, therefore, they are no longer eligible to request prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within 1,000 ft. of their school. She recommended that the Council rescind Resolution #R-10-11 and the distance requirement revert back to 300 ft.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Barton to rescind RESOLUTION #R-10-11, PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF ANY SCHOOL BUILDING CURRENTLY IN OPERATION AND OWNED BY ATHENS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER CLOSING A PORTION OF CARROLL ST. ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M., AS REQUESTED BY
ROBERT HOOVER (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ATHENS)

A motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Jones to authorize closing a portion of Carroll St. on 9/22/12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER PERMANENT CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF
N. PALESTINE ST. AT RAILROAD CROSSING, AS REQUESTED BY UNION
PACIFIC RAILROAD

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Barton to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2012 SPECIAL SESSION AND AUGUST 27, 2012 REGULAR SESSION
- B) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CAIN CENTER, INC. FOR USE OF CAIN PARK, PHASE II, FIELD 6
- C) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF CAIN PARK, PHASE II, FIELDS 4 AND 5

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Brent Muecke, 5880 HCR 4518, Larue, Texas

- 1. Expressed appreciation to Fire Chief John McQueary and Athens Fire Department for their response to a recent fire that involved a quadriplegic victim.
- 2. Expressed concerns with handicap parking spaces at Henderson County Courthouse being utilized by employees.

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary