

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 13, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 8:30 a.m. in the City of Athens Training Center, 622 S. Prairieville St. with the following members present, to-wit:

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

Pam Burton, City Administrator  
Pam Watson, City Secretary  
David Hopkins, Director of Finance

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Councilmember Whatley informed the Council that he discussed the Athens Municipal Water Authority issues with Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director, and Mr. Pirkle has provided him with clarification on unresolved issues. The Council discussed the unresolved issues that would affect the proposed budget.

City Administrator Pam Burton informed the Council that based upon their recommendations, that several line items have been amended in the proposed budget, including the addition of Inspector Certification Pay for Fire Department; increasing funding to the Henderson County Human Society (HCHS) to \$52,000 (with HCHS paying their own electric and gas bills); pursuing a Capital Lease to purchase one (1) vehicle for the Investigation (CID) Department, four (4) front line vehicles for Patrol and one (1) command vehicle for Fire Department; and decreasing the Street Program to \$200,000.

Councilmember Winn recommended various line item reductions for the Fire Department and recommended increasing funding to \$12,000 for the Henderson County Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library.

The Council discussed paying the building/contents insurance for the Cain Center, providing \$130,000 in funds to the Cain Center, and placing approximately \$30,000 in a contingency fund as a match for repair of roof or exterior walls, as well as informing the Cain Center that the City is working diligently to pursue financial assistance for them through a future election.

The Council discussed the possibility of looking at additional funding for the Street Program mid-year.

VOTE TO PLACE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT SPECIFIC TAX RATE ON FUTURE  
AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to place a proposal to adopt the tax rate of .645140 on a future agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

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Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary