

SPECIAL SESSION

JANUARY 9, 2013

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, January 9, 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  
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, Brian Malone, Randy Daniel and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Elaine Jenkins;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

RECOGNITION OF APPRECIATION TO RANDY DANIEL

Mayor Vaught presented Randy Daniel with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gold watch in recognition of his service to the Citizens of Athens by serving as Mayor from May 2005 through November 2012.

Mr. Daniel thanked the City of Athens and stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve as the Mayor of Athens.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Tyler Hendrickson, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Beginning preliminary stages of Sewer Grant Project.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS APPROVING ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S FUNDING TO CAIN CENTER

Brian Malone, President & CEO of Athens Economic Development Corporation, explained that A.E.D.C. has approved funding to The Cain Center in the amount of \$12,475 for a new audio/visual system, and they are requesting approval by the City Council. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, January 14, 2013.

B) DISCUSS AWARDED BID FOR BACKHOE FOR LINE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, explained that four (4) bids were received for a backhoe for the Line Maintenance Department, recommending the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Hi-Way Equipment Co. at a total cost of \$72,750. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that \$23,500 has been budgeted for an administrative vehicle for the Fire Department and they are requesting authorization to advertise for bids. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that Dick Dwelle has resigned from the Airport Advisory Board and Steve Grant has been recommended for appointment to fill the unexpired term. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS AIR SHOW AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development, explained that the Airport Advisory Board has discussed the possibility of conducting a Fly-In/Open House at Athens Municipal Airport and they are requesting Council approval to proceed with the feasibility of the event. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) UPDATE ON AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Crecelius explained that funds are budgeted for a sign to be placed on Loop 7 at the entrance into Athens Municipal Airport, with there being a 50/50 Ramp Grant through Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division to assist with the purchase. He explained that the Airport Advisory Board is seeking approval to proceed with the design of the sign and the item will be brought back to the City Council for final approval. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2012 SPECIAL SESSION AND DECEMBER 10, 2012 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A BUS FRANCHISE TO THE CHARIOT BUS LINES, AS REQUESTED BY PASTOR ALAN COLEMAN/GATES COMMUNITY CHURCH

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Brent Muecke, 5880 CR 4518

1. Thanked the Council for the opportunity to express items of concern.
2. Thanked the Police Department/Animal Control for assisting with a loose dog.
3. Thanked staff at E.T.M.C. for performing surgery on his wife on Christmas Eve.
4. Thanked the City for signs placed at City Hall to designate handicapped parking spaces.
5. Stated that he would like to see a Traffic Commission formed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

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Jerry Don Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary