

SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Randy Daniel, Mayor
Jerry Don Vaught
Aubrey Jones
Carol Barton

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Corey Frentress, Brian Malone, David Cundieff, Rich Flowers 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 Jones.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Corey Frentress, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Updated on Wood St. Sewer Project, pre-construction meeting held last week, construction beginning May 1.

CAIN CENTER REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CAIN CENTER OPERATIONS

No report was given.

ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Brian Malone, President & CEO of Athens Economic Development Corporation, updated on the following:

- 1) Financials
- 2) Marketing Events
- 3) Projects (Strategic Planning begins May 9)

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING

City Administrator Pam Burton stated that final reading of the Ordinance regulating smoking will appear on the agenda Monday, 4/23/12. She explained that after adoption, the Ordinance will be published in the newspaper and mailed to every commercial utility account customer along with a sample copy of a "No Smoking" sign.

B) DISCUSS REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION BY ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Malone stated that A.E.D.C. is requesting approval of their purchase of real property from David and Marsha Johnson, located at 1391 Flat Creek Rd., at a purchase price of \$525,000. He explained that the property consists of three (3) buildings and 15 acres, and after purchase a portion will be provided as part of an incentive package for Extreme Engineering (Thrillworks Inc.). The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS APPROVING A.E.D.C.'S INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR THRILLWORKS INC. AND APPROVING PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Malone explained that A.E.D.C. is requesting approval of their incentive package for Extreme Engineering (Thrillworks Inc.) which consists of a \$50,000 training grant; a \$250,000 loan; the sale of a 15,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/warehouse facility, a 4,000 sq. ft. office and 6 acres of property for \$480,000; a loan for purchase of the buildings and property with annual payments to be made to A.E.D.C. in the amount of \$56,270; a \$87,000 loan from USDA funds; and performance based incentives. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John McQueary explained that \$17,100 is currently budgeted for the purchase of 9 sets of bunker gear, however, a budget adjustment in the amount of \$31,500 is being requested to allow for this to be increased to 24 sets, due to all of the bunker gear failing in the trousers area after recent testing. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2012 SPECIAL SESSION AND APRIL 9, 2012 REGULAR SESSION

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2012.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary