

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 17, 2013

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Carol Barton, Mayor Pro Tem
Elaine Jenkins
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, Alicia Watkins, Tyler Hendrickson, Brian Malone, Rich Flowers and other interested citizens;

with the follow member absent: Jerry D. Vaught;

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

Councilmember Jenkins filed a Conflict of Interest concerning the final reading of an Ordinance granting a non-emergency ambulance transportation franchise to Impel Ambulance Service.

ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT & PROPOSED PROJECTS

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

- 1) Financials
- 2) Projects
- 3) Marketing/Entrepreneurship Grant Program
- 4) Website upgrade
- 5) Joint Special Session scheduled for 7/24/13 with Athens City Council regarding Athens Municipal Airport runway expansion

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT & PROPOSED PROJECTS.

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development, updated on the following:

- 1) Five (5) homes under construction
- 2) West Side Mini Storage, 3020 SW Loop 7, progressing
- 3) Splash Pad Project, Kiwanis Park, progressing
- 4) Arabella of Athens, 413 Gibson Rd., framing
- 5) Athens Independent School District, Middle School & High School, adding internal security measures
- 6) Tyler Street Plaza, pouring foundation next week
- 7) Two (2) pools permitted
- 8) Country Place Senior Living, 209 Wood St., should permit within next 2 weeks
- 9) Cowboy Church, 902 NE Loop 7, kitchen expansion
- 10) John Deere, 2001 NE Loop 7, painting/plans to open in 6 weeks

- 11) Med-Logics, 1627 Enterprise, pouring concrete Monday
- 12) Future Matrix, 1605 Enterprise, expansion/began foundation work
- 13) Osmosis Salon & Spa, 1414 E. Tyler St., framing/finishing out

B) STATUS REPORT ON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Crecelius explained that the Zoning Board of Adjustments approved a fence setback variance on 7/09/13 for Geddie Feed & Seed located at 314 N. Faulk St. to allow for a 6 ft. wooden privacy fence to be placed on the property.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Hopkins, Director of Finance, presented the May financials.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

- A) **DISCUSS AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS AT CAIN PARK, PHASE 1, AS REQUESTED BY HENDERSON COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION AND TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that Henderson County Girls Softball Association and Trinity Valley Community College are requesting authorization to place shade awnings over all bleachers at Cain Park, Phase 1. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, July 22, 2013.

- B) **DISCUSS PROPERTY/LIABILITY/WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Ms. Burton explained that due to the minimal increase in the property/liability/workers' compensation insurance, staff is recommending renewal with Texas Municipal League. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) **DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2013 REGULAR SESSION**

This item will appear on the Consent Agenda.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISE TO IMPEL AMBULANCE SERVICE, AS REQUESTED BY ALICIA WATKINS AND SANFORD E. WATKINS. M.D.

Ms. Burton explained that final reading of this Ordinance was tabled until Impel Ambulance Service received their license, with Impel having their license at this time. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary