

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 21, 2013

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, August 21, 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  
Monte Montgomery

Pam Burton, City Administrator  
Kelly Morgan, Administrative Secretary  
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Haven Cox, David Hopkins, Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, Sherri Skeeters, Tyler Hendrickson, Rich Flowers, Terri Lawyer, Stewart Cochran, Brent Muecke and other interested citizens;

with the following members absent: Elaine Jenkins, Aubrey Jones;

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Montgomery.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Mayor Vaught opened the public hearing on the tax increase for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Brent Muecke, 5880 CR 4518, Larue, Texas, questioned the reason for the tax increase, with City Administrator Pam Burton explaining that the new tax rate of .645140 will be used for maintenance and general operations.

The public hearing was closed.

CAIN CENTER REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CAIN CENTER OPERATIONS

Terri Lawyer, Cain Center Executive Director, reported that necessary repairs are being made to the pool and air conditioner system. She also stated that membership is up and summer programs were successful, however, there is an overall shortfall of \$100,000.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

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

- 1) Six (6) residential structures in various stages of completion
- 2) Arabella of Athens, working on plumbing, air conditioning systems and mechanicals
- 3) Athens Middle School & Athens High School, completing security entrances
- 4) Anderson Drug, preparing for new entrance on Robbins Road
- 5) Tyler Street Plaza, in framing stage
- 6) Country Place Living, pulled building permits
- 7) Ag Power, doing walk through and opening in September
- 8) Med Logics, framing on inside

- 9) Future Matrix, framing on inside
- 10) Osmosis Salon & Spa, working on inside

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

David Hopkins, Director of Finance, presented the financials.

**DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;**

- A) DISCUSS PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

Ms. Burton explained that a public hearing concerning the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 will appear on the agenda Monday, 8/26/13.

- B) DISCUSS FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

Ms. Burton explained that first reading of an Ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 will appear on the agenda Monday.

- C) DISCUSS SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

Ms. Burton explained that the second public hearing on the tax increase for fiscal year 2013-2014 will appear on the agenda Monday.

- D) DISCUSS REZONING OF LOT 73A, R.A. CLARK SURVEY FROM (MF-2) TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (DUPLEX HOMES) TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY JAMES M. MORTON (103 INDUSTRIAL)**

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development, explained that this property was recently rezoned for a duplex home, however, the new owner has decided to rezone the property to allow for a beauty salon. He stated that five (5) surrounding property owners were notified and no responses were received, with the Zoning Commission approving the rezone on 8/20/13. 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY**

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session.

The City Council returned to Special Session.

**CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Barton to purchase Blk 1, Lot 2N/2F, Ab. 782, T. Parmer Survey, McDonald Addition (504 East Tyler St.),

Athens, Henderson County, Texas for \$120,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

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Jerry D. Vaught Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary