

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 6, 2013

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 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
Carol Barton
Elaine Jenkins
Aubrey Jones
Monte Montgomery

Pam Burton, City Administrator

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
1) SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY;
DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY;
2) SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS; ANNUAL EVALUATION OF
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session.

The City Council returned to Regular Session.

Pam Watson, City Secretary and David Hopkins, Director of Finance entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins to authorize the purchase of real property located at 415 East Corsicana St. from Charlie Smith at the price of \$55,000 and the purchase of real property located at 507 East Corsicana St. from Stephanie Smitson at the price of \$115,000, and authorize a budget adjustment from prior years unallocated balance for the purchase. The motion carried unanimously

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING ANNUAL EVALUATION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Barton to give City Administrator Pam Burton a vote of confidence. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

David Hopkins, Director of Finance presented a general overview of the General Fund Revenue and General Fund Expense Summary for fiscal year 2013-2014.

City Administrator Pam Burton reviewed the proposed budget which is balanced with \$375,957 from prior years unallocated balance and does not include a tax rate increase.

Ms. Burton reviewed the General Fund Capital including the following: Street Program at \$200,000 (with review at mid-year); Paver at \$20,000; Asphalt Zipper at \$134,000; Individual Face Piece/Amplifier for Fire Personnel at \$17,200; and Fuel Increase for Fire Department at \$3,000. She

reviewed the General Fund Personnel budget including a 2% cost of living increase and the addition of Veteran's Day as an official City Holiday.

Ms. Burton reviewed the Utility Fund including the following: Replacement of Lift Station Pump at \$20,000; ½-Ton Truck at \$25,000; Utility Rate Study at \$20,000; and the Utility Fund Personnel budget including a 2% cost of living increase. She also discussed the loss in revenue resulting from excessive water consumption by Athens Cemetery Association.

Ms. Burton explained that the proposed budget has been prepared with the current tax rate of .630387, however, the roll back rate is .645140 which would create a .014753 (\$96,075.42) increase in the proposed budget should the Council choose to pursue a tax rate increase.

The Council discussed the possibility of pursuing a Bond Issue for future facilities and the scheduling of a meeting with Brinkley Sargent Architects.

Ms. Burton discussed the Airport Fund. She stated that the Aircraft Traffic Survey concerning justification for expansion of the runway at Athens Municipal Airport has been modified and will be mailed out by the City, made available on the City's website and at Athens City Hall.

The Council discussed Personnel issues. Ms. Burton recommended moving the Utility Billing Clerks from Grade 13 to Grade 16 and the Parking Enforcement Officer/Evidence Technician from Grade 13 to Grade 15. Mayor Vaught explained that it was the consensus of the Council to amend the salary line item for City Administrator Pam Burton by adding 5% on top of her current Step 10.

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

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary