

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 27, 2012

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, August 27, 2012, 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Randy Daniel, Mayor
Jerry Don Vaught
Carol Barton
Elaine Jenkins
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, Mary Ensign, Brent Muecke and other interested citizens;

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

No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Mayor Daniel stated that the Council has prepared this budget using the tax rate of .630387, being a .03 tax rate increase.

Brent Muecke, 5880 HCR 4518, Larue, Texas, stated that he lives in the County and pays sales tax dollars and would like to see the City place an emphasis on addressing the West Nile Virus issue because health is very important.

The public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

City Secretary Pam Watson read the Ordinance aloud. A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013. The motion carried unanimously.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Mayor Daniel opened the Public Hearing and explained that the City is proposing a .03 tax rate increase which will set the tax rate at .630387 for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Brent Muecke stated that he is an ex-volunteer firefighter in the County and feels that fire equipment is important, protection is needed and the tax increase is appreciated.

The public hearing was closed.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTING A “SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE”
TO RATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENGINEERING PROPOSALS FOR THE
2012 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

City Administrator Pam Burton recommended that the City Administrator, City Secretary and Director of Finance be appointed as the Selection Review Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Barton to appoint City Administrator Pam Burton, City Secretary Pam Watson and Director of Finance David Hopkins to serve as the Selection Review Committee for the 2012 Texas Community Development Block Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER REQUEST TO CHANGE DATES FOR CLOSING
PORTIONS OF N. PRAIRIEVILLE ST. AND EAST TYLER ST. FOR ATHENS
OLD FIDDLERS REUNION**

Ms. Burton explained that a letter has been received from Mary Ensign requesting authorization to move the Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion Jam Session to the last Friday evening in May and the Fiddlers Contest to the last Saturday in May from 9AM until midnight, therefore, requesting closure of the usual portions of N. Prairieville St. and East Tyler St. after 5 PM on Friday and remaining closed through the following Saturday at midnight.

Mary Ensign explained that the number of contestants has dropped by 50% due to school still being in session on Thursday and they feel moving the date to the last Friday and Saturday of May will help to make the event more successful in the future.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Barton to authorize closure of the usual portions of N. Prairieville St. and East Tyler St. for the Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion on the last Friday and Saturday in May, as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF CARPORT ONTO
EXISTING STORAGE BUILDING LOCATED AT 505 N. PINKERTON ST., AS
REQUESTED BY KEEP ATHENS BEAUTIFUL**

Ms. Burton explained that Keep Athens Beautiful and the Light Up Athens Committee is requesting authorization to construct a carport onto the existing storage building located at 505 N. Pinkerton which is currently leased by Athens Economic Development Corporation. She stated that the purpose of the carport is for storage of the Santa house, with the Light Up Athens Committee being totally responsible for the installation and funding of the project. Ms. Burton recommended that the construction be authorized contingent upon receiving an Insurance and Indemnity Agreement from Keep Athens Beautiful.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vaught to authorize construction of carport onto existing storage building located at 505 N. Pinkerton St., contingent upon receiving an Insurance and Indemnity Agreement from Keep Athens Beautiful. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR USE
IN WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS**

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, recommended that chemical bids be awarded to the following low bidders:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Price</u>
100 LB Dry CL2	Brenntag Southwest	\$ 1.87
150 LB Gas CL2 CYL	Brenntag Southwest	\$ 52.50
1-Ton Gas CL2 CYL	Brenntag Southwest	\$550.00
Alum	General Chemical Performance Products	\$ 0.0969
Ammonia	DPC Industries	\$.88
Fluoride	Harcros Chemicals	\$ 0.35
Sulfur Dioxide	DPC Industries	\$696.00
Caustic Soda	FSTI, Inc.	\$ 0.259
Copper Sulfate	Alivia	\$ 9.05
Liquid Ammonia Sulfate	General Chemical Performance Products	\$ 3.93

A motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins to award chemical bids to the low bidders, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR BACKHOE FOR LINE
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Herriage informed the Council that three (3) bids were received for the backhoe, however, they did not meeting minimum bid specifications. He recommended that the Council reject all bids and the item be re-advertised at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vaught, seconded by Councilmember Jones to reject all bids for backhoe for Line Maintenance Department and re-advertise at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2012 REGULAR SESSION
- B) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LARRY BRADSHAW FOR T-HANGAR #1 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- C) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Barton to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Brent Muecke congratulated the City of Athens on being named a Certified Retirement Community and expressed his desire to see more of an emphasis placed on handicapped accessibility.

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

ATTEST:

Randy Daniel, Mayor

Pam Watson, City Secretary