

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 2016

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Monday, October 24, 2016, 5:30 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Tres Winn, Mayor Pro-Tem
Monte Montgomery
Joe Whatley
Ed McCain

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary
Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

others present: Rodney Williams, Thanasis Kombos, Lawrence Cutrone, John McQueary, Barbara Holly, Marty Coursey, Sandi Pulley, Rich Flowers, Michael Hannigan, Marti Shew, Carol Morton, Hal Sargent, Randy McIntyre, Susan Jacobs, Gary Whittle, Chris Tinsley, Lisa Denton, Will Traxson, Tom and Lynn Leatham Ann Perryman and other interested citizens;

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Seth Davidson with St. John Lutheran Church.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2016 REGULAR SESSION
- b) CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL COURT FINES AND FEES WITH McCREARY, VESELKA, BRAGG & ALLEN, P.C.
- c) CONSIDER FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET
- d) CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM LINDA SMITH FOR A MINOR PLAT LOT 1, BLOCK 1 LINA McBRIDE ADDITION PART OF THE B.C. WALTERS SURVEY A-797, LOCATED AT 1124 N. HAMLETT (P 10-16-001)

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary, read the Ordinance aloud.

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:

- a) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- b) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED UTILITY PROJECTS

- 1) Barbara Holly, Interim Planning Director, stated that the Fiscal Year 2016 ended with almost \$19 million dollars' worth of construction with the year to date being \$16.8 million.
- 2) Lawrence Cutrone, Director of Public Works, stated the West Wastewater influent sewer line needs to be replaced.
- 3) Mr. Cutrone stated there will be 4 SC100 turbidimeter control units that will be replaced with newer SC200 control units and the old 1720e turbidimeters will be replaced with newer TU5300SC units.
- 4) Mr. Cutrone stated the West Wastewater Treatment plant will replace 100 feet of 1-inch schedule 80 PVC pipe for the chlorine feed. He further stated that AAA Sanitation will be moving forward with their work soon.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING THERETO

Marty Coursey, Director of Finance, discussed the Notice of Intent for Certificate of Obligations.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCain, seconded by Councilmember Winn to approve the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTER RELATED TO ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM GARVER ENGINEERING FOR A WATER MODEL

Mr. Cutrone stated the City is having water pressure issues on the North East quadrant of its city limits. He further stated currently a stand pipe known as "Royal Mountain" feeds the water pressure to this side of town and it is being maxed out as high as possible on the elevation to keep pressures up and it's hard to do. Mr. Cutrone stated the water distribution model will provide information that can provide operational optimization, distribution water analysis, water supply blending and operational alternative during rehabilitation of wells, storage facilities and other major periodic operational changes as well as improve system pressures and provide for future growth. He further stated it will also provide a water master plan for up to 20 years.

Randy McIntyre with Garver Engineering discussed the water model.

There was additional discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to approve Garver Engineering for the water model. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELECT BRINKLEY SARGENT WIGINTON ARCHITECTS AS THE ARCHITECT OF RECORD FOR ALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CAIN CIVIC/AQUATIC CENTER AND NEW MUNICIPAL FACILITY, AND TO DEVELOP AND PROPOSE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager, stated that the RFQ process was very positive and productive. He stated that 14 groups of firms were part of the submittal. Mr. Rodriguez stated a panel of staff was created as the review panel, which included Buddy Hill, Chief of Police; Philip Rodriguez, City Manager; Barbara Holly, Interim Planning Director; Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary; Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager; and Gary Whittle, Interim Special Projects Manager. He further stated that the review panel narrowed the 14 groups down to 4. The final 4 were invited to participate in interviews with the review committee and after the conclusion of the interviews the panel ranked Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects as the highest recommended firm.

Hal Sargent, Principal of Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects, briefly discussed the background of his firm and what he can provide to the City.

There was further discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCain, seconded by Councilmember Winn authorizing Philip Rodriguez, City Manager, to select Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects as the Architect of record for all architectural/engineering services for the Cain Civic/Aquatic Center and new municipal facility. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH INCODE HOSTED FOR HOSTING WEB SERVICE FOR FINANCIAL
SOFTWARE

Marty Coursey, discussed having Tyler Technologies provide web hosting that can assist with disaster planning as well as control user access, allow remote access capability for all essential personnel and provide an alternative to replacing hardware. She further stated that the initial startup cost would be \$14,000.00.

There was further discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCain, seconded by Councilmember Whatley authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Incode hosted for hosting web service for financial software. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE TEXAS CAPITAL FUND
STATE GRANT CONTRACT

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the City has received the contract for the \$1 million-dollar infrastructure grant for road improvements. He further stated that, the City would like to execute the contract and seek the grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, seconded by Councilmember Winn authorizing the Mayor to execute the Texas Capital Fund State Grant contract. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.087 (DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS) DELIBERATIONS REGARDING
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT:
a) PROSPECT # 1545

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

The City Council returned to Regular Session at 6:53 p.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087 (DELIVERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS) DELIBERATIONS REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT:

a) PROSPECT # 1545

No action was taken.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER UPDATES INVOLVING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ISSUES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Jerry Don Vaught recognized Athens Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) for receiving the Community Economic Development Award for cities its size at the Texas Economic Development Council 2016 Annual Conference.

Mayor Jerry Don Vaught stated that Wednesday, October 26, 2016 is the Mayor's Outstanding Leadership Awards Luncheon and he will be recognizing John Glover, Ginger Morton, Steve Grant and Mary Lynn Smith.

Councilmember McCain stated that Saturday, October 22, 2016 the Athens Publication Education Foundation had their fundraiser event with Philip Rodriguez in attendance and the foundation raised well over \$30,000.00 at this event. He further stated that the money that is profited by the foundation goes back to the teachers in the schools.

Philip Rodriguez stated that the City has been notified by TCEQ that we still exceed the HAA5 limits. He further stated that with the new water model in place it should help with tremendous insight. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the community and citizens will be notified via mail.

There was no further discussion.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary