

January 12, 2009

STATE OF ALABAMA,
LIMESTONE COUNTY,
CITY OF ATHENS.

The City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama, met in regular session at the Athens Police Department Court Room at 951 Hobbs Street East in the said City on January 12, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Councilman William R. Marks, President of the Council. Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Councilmembers Mignon Bowers, Harold Wales, Jimmy Gill, William R. Marks and Mildred Caudle. Mayor Williams was present. John Hamilton, City Clerk, was present and recorded the minutes of the meeting. Milly Caudle offered the invocation and Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairperson stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was open for transaction of business.

The Chairperson stated that the Minutes of the December 22, 2008 City Council Meeting had been submitted for approval. Councilwoman Caudle moved that the reading of the Minutes be suspended and that the Minutes be approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gill and was unanimously carried. The Chairperson stated that the Minutes of the December 22, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes had been submitted for approval. Councilwoman Caudle moved that the reading of the Minutes be suspended and that the Minutes be approved as recorded. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Gill and was unanimously carried.

A public hearing was held to hear comments on the close out of Quality Culvert. No one spoke in favor of or against.

Councilman Wales moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-1089

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Alabama was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development (ED) Project Number LR-ED-PF-05-014 by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) in the amount of \$399,639, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant was to provide rail improvements to facilitate the location of Quality Culvert, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the City has completed the infrastructure improvements but delayed closure of the project because of the lack of full job creation by Quality Culvert, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Quality Culvert Inc., has informed the City that they can not meet their commitment of 125 jobs but have created 42 jobs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens has requested that ADECA allow the project to be closed with 42 jobs and a financial payback of grant funds if required, and

WHEREAS ADECA has advised the City in a letter dated December 15, 2008 that they would approve closure of the project contingent upon repayment of \$100,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens has requested that Quality Culvert, Inc. repay these funds and they have agreed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama as follows:

SECTION 1. That closeout paperwork, as required by ADECA, be submitted immediately.

SECTION 2. That a formal amendment be requested from ADECA to reduce the original number of job committed from 125 down to 42 to allow closure of the project.

SECTION 3. That the sum of \$100,000.00 be paid to ADECA to reduce the subject grant from \$399,639.00 to \$299,639.00 to address the lack of job creation by Quality Culvert.

SECTION 4. That Dan Williams, in his capacity as Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to submit the formal amendment, check for \$100,000.00 and required closeout paperwork to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and, upon approval thereof, take such other steps as may be required to secure closure of the project.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this, the 12th day of January, 2009.

/s/ William R. Marks
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

/s/ Dan Williams
MAYOR, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ John S. Hamilton
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

Councilmember Bowers moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gill, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Bowers, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon declared that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on the said resolution had been unanimously carried. Councilmember Wales thereupon moved that the resolution be finally adopted, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gill and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Bowers, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

A public hearing was held to hear comments on the close out of Jimmy W. Gill Park. No one spoke in favor of or against.

Councilwoman Bowers moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-1090

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Alabama was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Enhancement (CE) Project Number LR-CE-PF-06-021 by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) in the amount of \$250,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant was to provide recreational improvements at the Jimmy Gill Park, which is located along Sanderfer Road, and

WHEREAS, the City has completed the proposed improvements and desires to close the project at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama as follows:

SECTION 1. That closeout paperwork, as required by ADECA, be submitted immediately.

SECTION 2. That Dan Williams, in his capacity as Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to submit the required closeout paperwork to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and, upon approval thereof, take such other steps as may be required to secure closure of the project.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this, the 12th day of January, 2009.

/s/ William R. Marks
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

/s/ Dan Williams
MAYOR, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ John S. Hamilton
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

The motion was seconded by Councilman Gill and was unanimously carried.

Quintin Anderson, 104 Ridgelawn Drive, spoke about a person in Athens that he considers a terrorist and how this person is terrorizing senior citizens at the Senior Center.

Mae Davis, 1201 Plainview Circle, commented on 1200 and 1206 Plainview Circle, and how the two properties are eye sores. She ask that the owners clean it up or they be torn down.

Rosie Maclin, ask that a number of houses on Highland Street and across from Plainview Street be cleaned up or condemned.

David Malone thanked the City Council, Mayor and Ben Wiley for Jimmy W. Gill Park.

Councilwoman Caudle moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the payment of budgeted travel/education expenses for specified Water/Wastewater employees in the total amount of \$683.24.

John Fielding (Wastewater)	WW Certification Review Class Tuscaloosa, AL December 18-19, 2008	\$344.24
Adam Graves (Wastewater)	WW Certification Review Class Tuscaloosa, AL December 18-19, 2008	\$339.00

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bowers and was unanimously carried.

Councilman Gill moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to authorize the resurfacing of Brownsferry Street, from Houston Street to the City Limits south of Highway 72, at a

cost of \$170,000.00.

The portion of Brownsferry north of Highway 72 will be approximately \$90,000.00. The portion south of Highway 72 to the City Limits will be approximately \$80,000.00. This will be paid from Gas Tax revenue.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bowers and was unanimously carried.

Councilman Wales moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the final results of the FY 2008 Gas Department budget and spread the same on the minutes.

FINAL RESULTS FY 2008 Gas Department Budget

REVENUES:

Metered Sales	\$ 12,502,791.00
Forfeited Discounts	\$ 31,781.00
Misc Revenue & Service Charges	\$ 1,958.00
Rents and Other	\$ 79,365.00
Interest	\$ 143,671.00
Reserve Funds	\$ -
Reimbursement 2007 Revenue	
Bonds	\$ 537,045.00
Training Facility (Leak City)	\$ 53,810.00
Aid to Construction	\$ 374,994.00
TOTALS	\$ 13,725,414.00

EXPENSES:

Salaries and Fringes	\$ 1,550,954.00
Purchased Gas	\$ 7,671,466.00
Distribution System Operation & Maintenance	\$ 548,902.00
Administrative	\$ 249,216.00
Customer Accounting and Billing	\$ 39,183.00
Vehicle and Equipment Operation & Maint	\$ 177,112.00
Appropriation to General Fund	\$ 921,876.00
2005 Revenue Warrant Debt Service	\$ 237,952.00
2007 Revenue Warrant Debt Service	\$ 386,378.00
General Fund Salaries and Expenses	\$ 49,759.00
Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,411,648.00
Construction Materials & Capitalized Equip Repair	\$ 620,882.00
Construction Materials (Reimb by Rev Warrants)	\$ 537,045.00
Other Capital (Equip, tools, etc)	\$ 253,720.00

Totals:	\$	13,244,446.00
Approved Budget as of 3% COLA if approved by Council	\$	-
Net proposed budget	\$	1,018,014.00
Construction Costs (Reim by Revenue Warrants):	\$	537,045.00
Debt Service Costs	\$	624,330.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Gill and was unanimously carried.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion by Councilman Gill and second by Councilman Wales, duly and properly adjourned.

/s/ William R. Marks
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

/s/ John S. Hamilton
CITY CLERK

