

May 12, 2008

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 May 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Councilman John M. Crutcher, President of the Council. Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Councilmembers John M. Crutcher, Harold Wales, Jimmy Gill, Ronnie Marks and Mildred Caudle. Mayor Williams was present. John Hamilton, City Clerk, was present and recorded the minutes of the meeting. Jimmy Gill 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 April 28, 2008 City Council Meeting had been submitted for approval. Councilman Marks 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 April 28, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes had been submitted for approval. Councilman Marks 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 Mayor presented a certificate of appreciation to the Athens High School Beta Club for cleaning graffiti off the Kid's Dugout.

A public hearing was held to hear comments for the sale of alcohol for Luciano's located at 208 West Market Street. No one spoke in favor of and no one spoke against.

Councilwoman Caudle introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the following applicant, contingent upon receipt of a certificate of occupancy, for its "Restaurant – Class I" alcohol license, based on the recommendation of the Alcohol Review Committee. It is of our opinion that the business has met all of the requirements of the City of Athens' alcohol ordinance, except for the certificate of occupancy.

Luciano – Athens, LLC, d/b/a Luciano's
208 West Market Street

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

Councilman Gill recommended that the continuation of the January 14, 2008 Public Hearing concerning property located at the south side of Brownsferry Street near the corner of Hine Street be tabled until the June 9, 2008 meeting. Councilman Wales seconded the recommendation and it was unanimously carried.

Rosie McLin, 1016 Highland Street, was concerned about a demolished house located at 1408 12th Street that needs to be cleaned up.

Janet Murrah was concerned about various areas that needed cleaning up around Hine and Brownsferry Street area.

Councilwoman Caudle made for introduction only the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, that \$15,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Spirit of Athens to be applied to ward the hiring of a half-time Project Director.

Councilman Wales introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-1063

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Alabama recognizes the needs of all citizens relative to public facilities, and other basic needs deemed essential in providing a decent, safe and sanitary living environment, and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Alabama is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds under the FY 2008 Competitive Large City Program made available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as subsequently amended, and administered under regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and policies as established by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Alabama desires to assist in providing basic public facilities to persons of predominantly low-and-moderate income residing in the Cottonwood subdivision/neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, provision of adequate sewer infrastructure is deemed a vital need of the area due to the threat to health and safety that exists in the area due to failing and inadequate septic systems.

Request you consider and adopt the following draft resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of Athens, Alabama make application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for an FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$353,500 for the purpose of providing partial financing for the provision of public sewer facilities to serve the Cottonwood neighborhood.

SECTION 2. That the City of Athens, Alabama hereby commits an amount of \$35,350 in local funds to match the grant in sewer facility construction.

SECTION 3. That the City of Athens, Alabama (through the Athens Water Services) provide required maintenance and upkeep for the system to ensure its continued use throughout the useful life of the sewage collection system.

SECTION 4. That Dan Williams, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Athens, Alabama, is hereby authorized and directed to have said application submitted on behalf of the City for funding consideration, and to take such other steps as may be required for accomplishment of the objective outlined herein.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of May, 2008.

/s/ John M. Crutcher
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 Marks moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Caudle, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, 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 Crutcher, 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.

Willie Green, Cottonwood Subdivision, thanked the city council.

Councilman Marks introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, that the travel expenses in the following amount be approved for Electric Department personnel.

Danny Wallace	Siemens Regulator Training Jackson, MS	\$319.29
Ben Carter	Siemens Regulator Training Jackson, MS	\$ 14.42

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

Councilman Wales introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to authorize the Manager of the Electric Department to enter into an agreement with Michael R. Clem Commercial and Residential Lawn Care, Athens Alabama, for grounds maintenance as specified. A copy of the bid will be on file in the office of the Electric Department.

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

Councilman Marks moved that they adjourn to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Councilman Wales and was unanimously carried. The City Attorney, Shane Black, gave the required statutory certification that an Executive Session was needed. He confirmed that the sale and or purchase of property was being discussed. The Executive Session was closed at 7:05 p.m..

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

/s/ Harold Wales
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

/s/ John S. Hamilton
CITY CLERK

