

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 25, 2011

The Athens City Council met in called session on February 25, 2011, at 7:15 a.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Perkinson; upon roll call, the following members were present:

Davis, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram

Council Member Jackson was unable to attend the meeting.

The following decision was made and ordered made a part of the records of the Athens City Council.

The purpose of the meeting, as issued in the "Notice of Called Meeting" dated February 15, 2011, was read and made a part of these minutes:

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING

There will be a called meeting of the Athens City Council on Friday, February 25, 2011, at 7:15 a.m. in the Athens Municipal Building Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers located at 815 North Jackson Street. The purpose of the called meeting is to approve the bid award for Market Park – Phase I project construction.

/s/

R. Hal Buttram, Mayor

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Mayor Buttram recognized Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Kristin Grove, Johnson Architecture, Inc. and asked them to explain the proposed options that were presented for consideration in the February 24, 2011 letter from Kristin Lee Grove, Johnson Architecture, Inc.

Ms. Grove explained that there was \$180,000 budgeted for construction of Market Park – Phase I. Due to the limited funding available, the bid documents included a base bid and eight (8) alternatives. There were eleven (11) bids received but eight (8) bids were disqualified because the bid submittal requirements were not met. Wilson Construction was the lowest responsible and responsive bidder with a base bid of \$263,500. City Manager Moore stated that it was staff's recommendation that the Council approve Option A for Market Park – Phase I.

Phase I – Option A

Proceed with the base bid - \$263,500.00, Add Alternate #6 - \$8,000.00, deduct the concrete slab - \$24,000.00. Option A equals a project total of \$247,500.00.

Currently funded	\$180,000.00
<u>Option A</u>	<u>\$247,500.00</u>
Additional Needed	\$67,500.00

*The building size in Option A will be 89'-2" x 39'-0"

*In this option the concrete slab will be built as planned and paid for out of the additional LPRF funds that have been secured and approved for this us.

A discussion followed regarding each of the options presented. Mayor Buttram expressed his concern about approving one of the options that would reduce the size of the building. He felt that it would be difficult to come back at a later date to increase the size. Mr. Fesmire stated that it would be more cost effective to go with Option A now. Council Member Pelley asked where the additional \$60,000 to fund the difference would come from. City Manager Moore stated that the additional funding would come from the Capital Improvement Fund. There is currently money coming out of the fund for Mount Verd project and there should be in excess of \$2 million left in the fund to cover the additional expense for Phase I of the Market Park project. Vice Mayor Perkinson stated that was why the City had the Capital Improvement Fund. Council Member Davis was in support of Option A. She felt that this was a very positive step and this will give farmers more space and be much more accessible to the community as well as bring tourism to downtown. Vice Mayor Perkinson noted that this was not just a farmers market and will give the city a venue for year-round events downtown and will be a multi-use facility. **A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Perkinson, to approve Phase I – Option A contingent upon approval of the funding partners.** After additional comments, the motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Davis, Perkinson, Buttram
NAYS:	Pelley
ABSENT:	Jackson

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 a.m.

R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor

MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager