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COUNCIL NIGHT OUT SERIES CONTINUES ON AUGUST 24TH

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – August 19, 2021 – The City of Athens is continuing its next session of a Council Night Out, a series of events set in neighborhoods across the Friendly City that seeks to bring the community closer together with the opportunity for citizens to interact with their elected council members. This next session will be held at the McMinn Seniors Activity Center (205 McMinn Avenue) on Tuesday, August 24th, starting at 6:00PM. The first in this series was held last month on July 1st at Heritage Park. Approximately 150 citizens attended.

City Manager C. Seth Sumner stated, “This event is a friendly way that citizens can approach council members to share compliments and ideas – another example of how easy it is engage with the chosen leaders in our community. We have so much momentum right now, and it is always good for citizens to chat openly outside of a meeting with council.”

About the McMinn Senior Activity Center

The mission of the McMinn Senior Activity Center is to “[Empower] seniors to age successfully by providing socialization, education, health & wellness, support services, nourishment & recreation, promoting volunteerism and community activism with dignity and respect.” This initiative was started in 1974 when the Athens Housing Authority received a grant of \$5,000 to start a senior center. As attendance, participation, and membership increased, the organization moved to different facilities in order to accommodate its growth until the completion of its current facility in 1998 at the corner of Park Street and McMinn Avenue. Learn more about the McMinn Senior Activity Center by visiting www.mcminnseniors.com.

For questions regarding the Council Night Out event, please contact the Office of the City Manager at (423) 744-2700 Option 9.