

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 29, 2010

The Athens City Council met in called session on June 29, 2010, at 5:36 p.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Davis; upon roll call, the following members were present:

Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram

The following decisions were 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 June 24, 2010, 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 Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 5:00 p.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 a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept the 2010 Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) Farmers Capital Development Grant in the amount of \$100,000 and enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Athens for the Athens Farmers Market.

/s/ _____
R. Hal Buttram, Mayor

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Mayor Buttram presented a resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TAEP) Farmers Market Capital Development Program for the acceptance of a \$100,000 grant for the Athens Farmers Market. This resolution required the Council's immediate attention as the deadline for accepting the grant and submitting a signed contract is July 9, 2010. The caption of Resolution No. 2010-17 was read by the recording clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17

"A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TAEP) FARMERS MARKET CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM."

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to approve Resolution No. 2010-17. Council Member Pelley rose in opposition to the motion. He stated that he was opposed to spending \$50,000 at this time in the City of Athens when they don't know if a farmers market will work in today's economy. A farmers market does

not need this project to operate downtown. Council Member Davis stated that she was in support of the motion and commented that the \$50,000 had been set aside specifically for this project. She said that in a workshop she had recently attended the talk was all about the new buzz words “livable communities” which meant to shop within the community, work within the community, educate within the community, and leisure within the community. This project will do all that by providing opportunities for a broad spectrum of activities. Mayor Buttram added that this is not just for a farmers market. People are looking to the City to make improvements to the property and the Council has an opportunity to bring back dollars for the enhancement of their community. After additional comments, the motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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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 5:53 p.m.

R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor

MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager