

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 18, 2011

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Mayor Buttram; and 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.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of September 20, 2011 and the Called Meeting of September 22, 2011 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD

Council Member Davis presented the *Very Important Volunteer Individual Award* for October 2011 to Ann Miller for her outstanding support of this community. Ms. Miller thanked the Council for honoring her with the award.

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PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Mayor Buttram stated that since Finance Director Brad Harris was unable to attend the meeting they would hold the presentation at another time.

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PRESENTATION – UNITED WAY OF MCMINN & MEIGS COUNTIES – 2012 CAMPAIGN AWARD

Mayor Buttram presented Ms. Rita Brown, Human Resources Director, on behalf of the employees of the City of Athens, with the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties – 2012 Campaign Award for most money raised by a group for a special event. Ms. Brown commented that the city had some very innovative employees and for the past several years they have had to think outside the box to come up with different ways to raise funds. Employees have conducted several drawings for special prizes and Shawn Lindsey, Public Works Director, came up with the ideas for the scrap metal drive and the proposed mulch drive. Mayor Buttram asked Ms. Brown to express to the employees how very proud they were as a council of them.

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PRESENTATION – FRIENDS OF CONSERVATION AWARD

Mayor Buttram recognized Mr. Shawn Lindsey, Public Works Director, for receiving the Friends of Conservation Award given to him by the McMinn County Soil and Conservation District and Dooley Tractor Company for outstanding accomplishments in conservation of soil, water and related resources. He stated it was quite a tribute to Shawn and an honor for him to publicly make the announcement.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Buttram acknowledged receipt of letter of appreciation for services performed by Captain Horning of the Athens Police Department on a Neighborhood Watch Program.

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BEER BOARD

**6:11 P.M.....The Athens City Council recessed and reconvened as the Athens Beer Board**

BEER APPLICATION – YAMATO CAFÉ, 1504 DECATUR PIKE

An application for a Restaurant Beer Permit at Yamato Café, 1504 Decatur Pike, was presented for consideration. After brief discussion and comments, **motion was made by Board Member Pelley, seconded by Board Member Jackson, to approve the beer application as submitted.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**6:15 P.M.....The Athens Beer Board adjourned and reconvened as the Athens City Council**

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Buttram opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. There were no petitions or requests presented at this time.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Brad Harris, Finance Director, was out of town. The Finance Department Report for the month of September 2011 was accepted as submitted.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Chuck Ziegler presented the Police Department Report for the month of September 2011. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Jim Dyer was out of town. The Fire Department Report for the month of September was accepted as submitted.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Anthony Casteel, Community Development Director, presented the Building Permit Quarterly Report for the City of Athens. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Buttram advised that the following items were discussed during the recent work session and are presented as a part of the Consent Agenda. The recording clerk read the items into the record:

- a.) Accept staff's recommendation to split the bid (Bid No. 1548 dated September 23, 2011) and award the bid to both L. H. Mashburn and C. E. Mashburn for equipment rental;
- b.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-30 to contract with Stansell Electric Company for traffic signals and equipment renovation and installation at Dupitt Street at Decatur Pike and Maple Street at Decatur Pike;
- c.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-31 to contract with East Tennessee Construction Services, Inc. for sidewalk restoration project in Athens downtown area;
- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-32 to apply for and accept funding for a non-matching grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture through the TAEP Farmers Markets Promotion and Retail Grant Program for advertising the downtown farmers market;
- e.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-33 for Fast Track Infrastructure Development Program Grant funds for Denso Manufacturing, Athens, Tennessee (DMAT);
- f.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-34 to apply for and accept funding for a grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for assistance in construction and completion of a proposed industrial access highway;
- g.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-35 to conduct a Mulch Drive fundraising event and donate the proceeds to the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties.

**On motion by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Davis, the Consent Agenda as stated above was approved by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 –  
FY2011/12

Mr. Robert Greene, Director of Athens City Schools, was present and stated in the past Athens City Schools presented a budget amendment to the City once a year. He plans to submit budget amendments on a quarterly basis. **A motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to approve Athens City Schools Budget Amendment #1 as submitted.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

**AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 1001

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ‘THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE,’ SO AS TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY ON MAPLE STREET FROM R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT)

TO B-1 (LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.”

The caption of the above-described Ordinance was read by the recording clerk. **A motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve Ordinance No. 1001 on First Reading.** Upon roll call, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1001 was approved by the following vote:

**AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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REQUEST FOR \$500 CONTRIBUTION FOR ADVERTISING OF SHOP MCMINN PROGRAM

Vice Mayor Perkinson stated this was a request for funds to advertise the Shop McMinn program in time for the Christmas season so people will focus on buying locally when doing their holiday shopping. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve a \$500 contribution for advertising of the Shop McMinn Program with funds coming from the City's contingency fund.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

**AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Moore presented the Manager's Report. He reviewed the progress of current city projects/meetings scheduled during the months of October and November. After brief comments, the report was accepted.

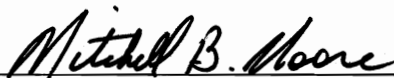
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager