

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 15, 2011

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Perkinson; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Jackson, Perkinson, Buttram

Council Member Davis and Council Member Pelley were ill and did not attend the meeting.

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 October 18, 2011 was submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Mayor Buttram announced that the City had received the Government Finance Officers Association “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” for fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This marked the 19th consecutive year the City had received this award. Mayor Buttram presented a plaque to Finance Director Brad Harris in recognition of outstanding financial reporting for the City of Athens.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Buttram acknowledged receipt of letters of appreciation for services performed by City staff.

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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, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of October 2011. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Captain Rob Davis presented the Police Department Report for the month of October 2011. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Jim Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of October 2011. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-36 authorizing the distribution of Athens Utilities Board's electrical in lieu of tax payments for fiscal year 2011/12;
- b.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-37 authorizing the distribution of Athens Utilities Board's gas in lieu of tax payments for fiscal year 2011/12;
- c.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-38 declaring city-owned property on Leveck Street surplus property and authorizing its sale by sealed bids;
- d.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1551 dated October 17, 2011) as submitted by Kustom Signals for IT Procurement (Server, Archiver and Services);
- e.) Appoint Randy Heafner to fill vacancy on Board of Zoning Appeals, term expires June 30, 2014.

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

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 1001 – SECOND/FINAL READING

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. Mayor Buttram opened the public hearing. There being no one present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to approve Ordinance No. 1001 on Second and Final Reading.** Ordinance No. 1001 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-39

“A RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF LEE DRIVE AND THE PARKING AND DRIVEWAY AREAS OF LEE MANOR, AND DESCRIBED WITHIN THE BODY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED ILLUSTRATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.”

The caption of the above-described Resolution was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Perkinson, to approve Resolution No. 2011-39 as presented.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

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CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH CANNON & CANNON, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SURVEY AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR HEIL ACCESS ROAD

Mayor Buttram presented for consideration a contract with Cannon & Cannon, Inc. to provide professional survey and engineering design services for the Heil Access Road project. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to accept the proposal from Cannon & Cannon, Inc. to provide professional survey and engineering design services in the amount of \$13,500 for the Heil Access Road project.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

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


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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 November and December. 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 6:41 p.m.



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager



R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor