

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 17, 2012

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 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 March 20, 2012 was submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Ms. Rita Brown, Human Resources Director, presented the "Employee of the Quarter" award for the period ending March 31, 2012. Gayle Petitt, Codes Enforcement Officer in the Community Development Department, was recognized for her outstanding service to the City of Athens. As in the past, the recipient of this award receives a \$50 savings bond and becomes eligible for the "Employee of the Year" award, which is given annually to recognize significant service to the City of Athens. Ms. Petitt thanked everyone for the award and remarked it was a joy to work with everyone.

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PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD

Council Member Davis presented the *Very Important Volunteer Individual Award* for April 2012 to Chris Hari for her outstanding support of this community. Ms. Hari stated that she was honored and humbled to receive the award and it was a privilege to live in McMinn County.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

They did not have any miscellaneous correspondence this month.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

There were no petitions or requests presented at this time.

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BEER BOARD

6:09 P.M.....The Athens City Council recessed and reconvened as the Athens Beer Board

BEER APPLICATION – DJ’S COUNTRY MARKET & DELI, 1122 CONGRESS PARKWAY

An application for a Package Beer Stores Permit from Denise and Jimmy Myers, owners of DJ’s Country Market & Deli, 1122 Congress Parkway, was presented for consideration. After brief comments, **motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member**

Davis, 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

BEER APPLICATION – MICHAEL’S CASUAL DINING, 2011 S. CONGRESS PARKWAY

An application for a Restaurants Beer Permit from Ghassan Jaibat, owner of Michael’s Casual Dining, 2011 S. Congress Parkway, was presented for consideration. After brief comments, **motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council 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

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

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Brad Harris, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of March 2012. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented. It was noted Mr. Harris’ last day with the City of Athens would be April 27, 2012 as he was taking a position as financial consultant for the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). The City Council thanked Mr. Harris for his service to the City.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Chuck Ziegler presented the Police Department Report for the month of March 2012. After brief comments and questions, the report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2012. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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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 and questions, 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.) Approve Resolution No. 2012-14 to close and abandon forty foot (40 ft.) right-of-way between Woodward and Sherwood Avenues;

- b.) Approve Resolution No. 2012-15 to close and abandon right-of-way on north side of Sherwood Avenue between Royal Street and Knoxville Avenue;
- c.) Approve Resolution No. 2012-16 authorizing the acceptance of a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG);
- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2012-17 authorizing the acceptance of 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG);
- e.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1560 dated April 2, 2012) as submitted by MES for Athens Fire Department uniforms;
- f.) Reject bids (Bid No. 1560 dated April 2, 2012) for Athens Police Department uniforms;
- g.) Approve staff's recommendation to declare the following as surplus property and authorize public sale or disposal thereof: one (1) 2000 Ford Explorer, one (1) 1994 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup Truck, two (2) 2001 Ford F150 Pickup Trucks; one (1) 2001 Mack Front Loader; and three (3) Dell Optiplex Computers as detailed in memorandum from Brad Harris, Finance Director dated April 4, 2012;
- h.) Remove Billy Gaines from the Recreation Advisory Board;
- i.) Appoint Mary Scudder to the Recreation Advisory Board, term expires June 30, 2016.

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

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 1002 – SECOND/FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING

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 SOUTH JACKSON STREET AND CANAL STREET FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-4 (MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL 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 Davis, to approve Ordinance No. 1002 on Second and Final Reading.** Ordinance No. 1002 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 12, SECTION 12-301 ENTITLED
"ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED" OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 1003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED 'BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES' TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2008 EDITION AND THE 2009 EDITION ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.

The caption of the above-described Ordinance was read by the recording clerk. **A motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Perkinson, to approve Ordinance No. 1003 on First Reading.** Upon roll call, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1003 was approved by the following vote:

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

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PROPOSED ADOPTION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

The caption of the above-described Resolution was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to approve Resolution No. 2012-18 as presented.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

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MANAGER'S REPORT

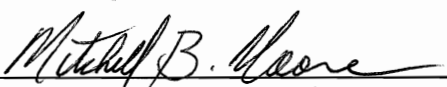
City Manager Moore presented the Manager's Report. He reviewed the progress of current city projects/meetings scheduled during the months of April and May. After brief comments, the report was accepted. Mr. Moore thanked Finance Director Brad Harris for his five years of service and stated he would be missed. He introduced Michael Keith, the City's former Finance Director, who will be returning to the City in that capacity on June 1st.

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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 6:51 p.m.



R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager