

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, JULY 23, 2013

The Athens City Council met in called session on July 23, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Davis; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Burris, Pelley, Perkinson, Davis, Buttram

The following decision was 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 July 16, 2013, 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, July 23, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. in the Athens Municipal Building Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers located at 815 North Jackson Street for the purpose of holding a public hearing and considering passage of Budget Ordinance No. 1019 on second/final reading.

/s/ 
R. Hal Buttram, Mayor

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NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1019 – SECOND/FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET AND SET THE TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014.

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 Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Perkinson, to approve Ordinance No. 1019 on Second and Final Reading.** Mayor Buttram reminded Council that the certified tax rate approved at the July 18, 2013 City Council meeting was \$1.1328 compared to \$1.1147 in Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Council Member Perkinson referring to a letter from Robert Greene, Director of Schools, and a memorandum from Mike Keith, Finance Director, in response to the letter stated that he felt it was important to field the comments and talk about them to see if they had any impact on the 2013-2014 budget specifically the \$105,900 in increased funding for the schools and the increased Maintenance of Effort for the coming year. Council Member Perkinson stated they had additional information that the schools were receiving additional funds specifically State revenue of \$40,000 and County revenue of \$10,131 for the coming year. He stated he felt the Council needed to take some action regarding the additional funds. Mayor Buttram acknowledged the presence of Robert Greene and School Board Chairman Mike Bevins at the meeting and asked if they would like to respond. Mr. Greene stated they received notification of increased revenue and did not feel it would be appropriate to wait before informing the Council. Vice Mayor Davis stated she had no problem supporting the budget as it was presented but felt they must look for additional revenue sources including a possible sales tax increase. Council Member Pelley stated he felt any changes to the budget were unnecessary and called the question. Ordinance No. 1019 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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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 8:17 a.m.



R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager