

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 15, 2013

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 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:

Burris, Perkinson, Davis, Buttram

Council Member Pelley was absent during 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 September 17, 2013 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, 2012. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by government and its management. This marked the 21st consecutive year the City has received this award.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Buttram acknowledged receipt of a letter of appreciation from Boy Scouts of America Middle Tennessee Council for Shawn Lindsey's volunteer efforts and commitment to the youth. Shawn is Athens' Public Works Director.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Buttram opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. There were none presented at this time.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Michael Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of September 2013. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Captain Rob Davis presented the Police Department Report for the month of September 2013. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Jim Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of September 2013. 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. 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 staff's recommendation to declare assorted vehicles, equipment and dumpsters as surplus property and authorize public sale or disposal thereof as detailed in memorandum from Matthew Marshall, Director of Purchasing dated September 25, 2013;
- b.) Approve request to donate proceeds from scrapped dumpsters to Keep McMinn Beautiful to be used for improvements to the education center and for the purchase of a video kiosk;
- c.) Approve request to replace and upgrade of server and storage.

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING OF LIGHTS FOR DOWNTOWN AREA

A motion was made by Council Member Perkinson, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to grant \$4,500 to the Athens Downtown Business Association for the sole purpose of purchasing Christmas lights for downtown Athens after the Athens Downtown Business Association raises \$4,500 for the purchase of Christmas lights for downtown Athens. The \$4,500 will be taken from the Athens General Fund Contingency line item. Council Member Burris stated he was not at the work session when this item was discussed. He asked if the Council could consider paying the entire amount for the lights and have the Downtown Business Association pay the City back within a certain period of time. City Manager Moore responded that the City Council had previously approved an expenditure of \$1,500 for the "Sounds of Summer" final performance from the Contingency and they did not have sufficient funds remaining in that account to pay the entire \$9,000 expense. Mayor Buttram asked Rhonda Elkins and Missy Ford from the DBA if the vendor required any upfront money for the lights. Ms. Ford stated there were no upfront costs involved. Vice Mayor Davis commented that Council Member Pelley is also a member of the DBA and the language used in the motion was

based upon his recommendation at work session. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: **Burris, Perkinson, Davis, Buttram**
NAYS: **None**
ABSENT: **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 October and November. The report was accepted as presented.


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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 6:40 p.m.



R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager