

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, JULY 15, 2014

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.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 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 June 17, 2014 was submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Ms. Rita Brown, Human Resource Director, presented the "Employee of the Quarter" award for the period ending June 30, 2014. Ron Nipper, Fire Engineer in the Fire Department, was recognized for his outstanding service to the City of Athens. As in the past, the recipient of this award receives \$50 and becomes eligible for the "Employee of the Year" award, which is given annually to recognize significant service to the City of Athens. Mr. Nipper thanked everyone for the award.

Mayor Buttram announced Athens was recognized with a 2014 Tennessee Municipal League Achievement Award for Excellence in Community Service during TML's 75th Annual Conference held the end of June in Chattanooga. The City received this award because of its work on the Eagle Trail and Rails to Trails projects. Margaret Norris, Municipal Technical Advisory Service management consultant, nominated the City for this award. In nominating the City she noted "Many citizens across our nation have come to believe that it is the sole responsibility of government to provide the means for their every need and project. In Athens that is not true, as the volunteer spirit is alive and well. The staff and council have a respectful relationship, they work well together, and move forward accomplishing great things." Mayor Buttram, Council Member Perkinson and City Manager Moore were in attendance at this conference and received the award on behalf of the City. Mayor Hal Buttram announced he was named the 2014 Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League at this conference. He stated he knew where the credit for this award lay and that was with the City Manager, Department Heads and excellent employees for the things they have been able to accomplish in the City. He accepted the award on behalf of the City Manager, Department Heads, City employees and volunteers.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Buttram opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. Kikki White, 1575 South Jackson Street, thanked the City for installing the speed rate signs on South Jackson Street. She felt the signs made a difference and urged the Council to find funding for more speed signs. Ms. White also requested the signs be installed on South Jackson Street at least once or twice a year. Ray Priest, 919 Stephanie Lane, apologized for not attending the July Work Session. Mr. Priest stated he had the wrong meeting date and asked the Council to place his item back on the August 11th Work Session agenda. Mayor Buttram agreed to place the item back on the agenda.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Michael Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of June 2014. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Chuck Ziegler presented the Police Department Report for the month of June 2014. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of June 2014. 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 to authorize employees of the McMinn County Economic and Community Development Authority to participate in the Tennessee Consolidation Retirement System ("TCRS");
- b.) Approve request from One Voice Ministries, Dr. Harold McCowan, Pastor, to use stage on August 3, 2014;
- c.) Approve Resolution No. 2014-14 to adopt the first amendment to the City of Athens, Tennessee Pension Plan;
- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2014-15 to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant Program;
- e.) Approve Resolution No. 2014-16 to contract with the University of Tennessee for Oostanaula Stream Restoration at E.G. Fisher Library area;
- f.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1605 dated June 19, 2014 – Asphalt Paving and Materials) for "price per ton in place" and millings from Rogers Group for Specifications #411D and #411E, "price per ton in place" from Wright Brothers Construction for Specification #307B , and "price per ton picked up" jointly from both vendors;
- g.) Accept low bid (Bid No. 1606 dated July 3, 2014) as submitted by Worldwide Equipment for knuckleboom, trailer and chassis;
- h.) Approve extension of contractual agreement with Vulcan Materials Company for stackable stone for stream mitigation for one year expiring October 1, 2015;
- i.) Approve appointment of Jona McKeehan Garrett to Athens Regional Planning Commission; term expires August 18, 2017.

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, Pelley, Perkinson, Davis, Buttram
NAYS: None

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NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – SOUNDS OF SUMMER 2014

Mayor Buttram stated the City Council at the July Work Session looked at the request from Meredith Willson for \$1,000 for the 2014 Sounds of Summer concert series. The Council personally took on the challenge and made individual contributions to fund this request. Council Member Pelley stated it was his understanding that in addition to their personal contribution, the City would also make a \$1,000 contribution from the Public Relations account. **A motion was made by Council Member Pelley to take \$1,000 from the Public Relations account to fund a second concert.** The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Buttram stated the Council could consider additional funding for the concert series from the Public Relations account at a future date if necessary.

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ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS PARKING STANDARDS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

ORDINANCE NO. 1030 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE,” SO AS TO AMEND TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 4.03.02 AND 4.03.06 TO ADD REGULATIONS THAT ADDRESS PARKING REGULATIONS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Perkinson, to approve Ordinance No. 1030 on First Reading.** Upon roll call, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1030 was approved by the following vote:

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

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REZONING REQUEST BY KEITH MEMORIAL CHURCH, 600 WEST MADISON AVENUE, FROM R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 1031 – FIRST 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 AT 600 WEST MADISON AVENUE FROM R-2 (MEDIUM 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 Burris, to approve Ordinance No. 1031 on First Reading.** Mayor Buttram and Council Member Perkinson acknowledged they were members of Keith Memorial Church. Upon roll call, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1031 was approved by the following vote:

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

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ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO DELETE IRRELEVANT ITEMS, CORRECT TYPOS,
AND MAKE ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 1032 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE,” SO AS TO AMEND TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2 TO ADD VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THAT WILL DELETE IRRELEVANT ITEMS, CORRECT TYPOS, AND MAKE ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS TO SECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Burris, to approve Ordinance No. 1032 on First Reading.** Upon roll call, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1032 was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Burris, Pelley, Perkinson, Davis, 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 July and August. 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 6:52 p.m.



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager



R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor