

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, AUGUST 15, 2017

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Coker; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris

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 July 18, 2017 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD – ATHENS LIONS CLUB

Vice Mayor Pelley presented the Very Important Volunteer Individuals (VIVID) Award for the month of August 2017 to members of the Athens Lions Club. Mary Brown, Club President, and Herb Hoffman, Club Member, along with Jeff Eastman, Remote Access Medical (RAM) Volunteer Corps CEO, were present for the presentation.

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PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – ROBERT MCCOWAN, JR. – 90TH BIRTHDAY

Vice Mayor Pelley presented a proclamation to Robert McCowan, Jr. in celebration of his 90th birthday. Mr. McCowan and his wife, Mattie, were present to accept the proclamation.

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PRESENTATION OF SOAP BOX DERBY PROCLAMATIONS

Council Member Perkinson presented a proclamation honoring Zachary Newman (Local Stock Car Champion), Council Member Raper presented a proclamation honoring Haley Webb (Local Super Stock Car Champion), and Council Member Coker presented a proclamation honoring Haylee Rodgers (Super Kids Champion) for their participation in the 2017 All American World Championship Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Burris acknowledged receipt of a thank you note from Tennessee Wesleyan University RA Staff to the Athens Fire Department, complimentary emails on Patrol Officers Jamie Carmack and Justin Weir, a thank you from Habitat for Humanity of McMinn County, and recognition of Athens City Court by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for consistently complying with TCA 55-50-409 requirements with regard to notification of traffic violations.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Burris opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. Glen Whiting, 237 County Road 655, addressed the City Council regarding U-turns. Harrison Brown requested the City Council look at his retirement payments. Robert Owens from Athens City Schools expressed his thanks to April Johnston, Interim Public Works Director, and the Public Works team for their assistance as he transitions from Assistant Principal at Athens Middle

Schools to Facilities and Attendance Supervisor for Athens City Schools. Rick Bishop, 1519 Crestway Drive, requested the City Council consider allowing golf carts on City streets.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

C. Seth Sumner, City Manager, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of July 2017 on behalf of Mike Keith, Finance Director, who was out of town. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Interim Chief Rob Davis presented the Police Department Report for the month of July 2017. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Jim Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of July 2017. The report was accepted as presented.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Burris advised that the following items were discussed during the recent study session and are presented as a part of the Consent Agenda. The recording clerk read the items into the record:

- a.) Appoint Micki Key to fill vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission, term expires October 1, 2019.
- b.) Approve extension of contract with Mobile Container Services for dumpster repair through June 30, 2018.
- c.) Approve Athens Board of Education Appropriation Resolution regarding fund balance amounts at year end that will be committed or assigned for specific purposes.
- d.) Approve Athens Board of Education Appropriation Resolution stating the Athens City Schools Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund.

On motion by Council Member Raper, seconded by Council Member Coker, the Consent Agenda as stated above was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

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NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 1065 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING THAT THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 4.20 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE AND PATIO HOME (RT-PH) REGULATIONS BE AMENDED; CLARIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR EACH USE; 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 Vice Mayor Pelley, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Ordinance No. 1065 on First Reading.** There was no discussion and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

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ORDINANCE NO. 1066 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING THAT THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3.04.07.B USES PERMITTED BE AMENDED; TO ADD DORMITORY AND BARRACKS USES IN CERTAIN CASES; 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 Vice Mayor Pelley, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Ordinance No. 1066 on First Reading.** There was no discussion and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SPLASH PAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LOSE & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPLASH PAD.

The caption of Resolution No. 2017-19 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Raper, to approve Resolution No. 2017-19.** There was no discussion and the resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Burris
NAYS: Pelley

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MANAGER'S REPORT

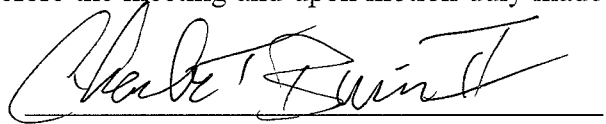
City Manager Sumner reviewed the various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city as presented in his monthly report. He announced that they were looking for citizens to become more engaged with the City. Keep McMinn Beautiful currently has two available positions for citizens that want to participate and join a working committee. If residents are interested, they were urged to contact the City Manager's office for an application. City Manager Sumner updated the City Council on the status of key recruitments for the City. He has narrowed the field of applicants for Police Chief from 36 to 10. The number of applicants for the Public Works Director position has been narrowed from 27 to 6. Applicants went through an assessment center and the results are being reviewed. There are currently 11 applications for the Public Management Fellow. The application period has to be open for 30 days per the University policy. They are currently working with the University to create a review panel. There are six applications for the new Codes Enforcement Officer and they will be moving forward with the interviews.

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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 7:49 p.m.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor