

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

April 17, 2018

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Pelley; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Pelley, Perkinson, Raper, 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 March 20, 2018 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Burris asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add item 12b. for the election of a Vice Mayor. **The motion was made by Council Member Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Raper.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Burris

NAYS: Pelley

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COMMUNICATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION

C. Seth Sumner, City Manager, presented the "Employee of the Quarter" award for the period ending March 31, 2018 to Eric Sauber, a patrol officer with the Athens Police Department.

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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, spoke about several issues he had with the Athens Police Department. Tim Hughes, 714 James Street, announced Sounds of Summer will be beginning either June 16th or June 23rd and performances will be every Saturday until August 25th. They are still in need of sponsors for this year's performances. They are also looking into having a food court in front of the old Cherokee Hardware building. Charles Womac, 605 County Road 443, stated he owns property in the City and did not understand why he was being charged with code violations. Mayor Burris suggested Mr. Womac contact Codes Enforcement and ask them to explain. Tracy Lee, 700 Westside Street, thanked the City Council for taking the time to come to the Athens City Schools and tour their facilities. She expressed her appreciation for the Student Resource Officer. Eric Morrow, 1400 Bell Street, spoke on the Code of Professionalism.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Michael Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of March 2018. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Couch presented the Police Department Report for the month of March 2018. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2018. 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 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.) City of Athens Budget Amendment No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
- b.) Approve Resolution No. 2018-13 to accept additional grant funds from the State of Tennessee and to authorize an increase to the contract with Great Southern Recreation for the construction of a splashpad at Athens Regional Park.

Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Mayor Burris, to address the items on the Consent Agenda separately. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

On motion by Council Member Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Raper, City of Athens Budget Amendment No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Coker, seconded by Council Member Raper, to approve Resolution No. 2018-13 to accept funds from the State of Tennessee and to authorize an increase to the contract with Great Southern Recreation for the construction of a splashpad at Athens Regional Park. Upon roll call, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

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OLD BUSINESS

FUNDING REQUEST TO ASSIST WITH REPLACEMENT OF PRIMARY HVAC UNIT AT E.G. FISHER PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE McMINN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD FOR \$6,500 TO REPLACE THE PRIMARY HVAC UNIT

The caption of Resolution No. 2018-14 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Resolution No. 2018-14.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

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NEW BUSINESS

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Sumner reviewed his monthly report including the various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city.

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ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Burris announced he would accept nominations for the election of Vice Mayor.

Council Member Pelley nominated Council Member Coker to serve as Vice Mayor and Council Member Raper nominated Council Member Perkinson.

A motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Mayor Burris, to elect Council Member Coker to serve as Vice Mayor. Upon roll call, the motion passed by the following vote:

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


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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 7:12 p.m.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor