

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

April 16, 2019

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Lockmiller; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris

The following decisions were made and ordered made a part of the records of the Athens City Council.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 19, 2019 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

CITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES

Mayor Burris acknowledged receipt of an information packet from City Park Elementary School, detailing various activities in which the students and faculty are involved.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

C. Seth Sumner, City Manager, announced the "Employee of the Quarter" for the second quarter of 2019 is Dennis Butts, Heavy Equipment Operator, in the Public Works department.

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PROCLAMATION – MAIN STREET ATHENS/DBA MERGER

Vice Mayor Perkinson read a proclamation in recognition of the successful merger between Main Street Athens and the Downtown Business Association on March 14, 2019. Patti Greek and Lisa Dotson were present to accept the proclamation.

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PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Council Member Lockmiller read a proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Frances Witt-McMahan, Executive Director of CASA Corridor of East Tennessee, along with several board members, were present to accept the award.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Burris acknowledged receipt of a card from Susan Buttram thanking the City for the planter sent when former Mayor Hal Buttram passed away.

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 following items into the record:

- a.) Approve bid as submitted by Progression Electric for Bid #1691 – Overhead Signal Equipment Replacement at Congress Parkway and Layman Road. **JAMES GALLUP**
- b.) Approve bid as submitted by Duffield Aquatics for Bid #1692 – Mechanical Room Renovation and Cover Installation for Ingleside Pool. **JAMES GALLUP**
- c.) Approve bid as submitted by Total Lawn Care for Bid #1693 – Mowing & Maintenance of Athens City Cemeteries. **JAMES GALLUP**
- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2019-13 to approve contract through Drug Task Force for repayment of overtime for police officers in connection with certain drug investigations. **CLIFF COUCH**

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

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 1074 – SECOND/FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE TO RAISE THE SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, FROM 2% TO 2.75% AND TO REQUEST A REFERENDUM OF THE PEOPLE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

The caption of the above-described Ordinance was read by the recording clerk. Mayor Burris noted the purpose of this ordinance was to let the citizens decide if they wanted to raise the sales tax rate and opened the public hearing. Tom Hansford, 403 Lynnwood Drive, spoke in support of a sales tax increase. There being no one else present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Pelley, to approve Ordinance No. 1074 on Second and Final Reading.** The motion to approve Ordinance No. 1074 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 WEST MADISON AVENUE - REQUEST BY GLENN AND JANET KRING

ORDINANCE NO. 1075 – 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 THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 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 Ordinance No. 1075 was read by the recording clerk. **A motion was made by**

Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Ordinance No. 1075 on First Reading. The motion to approve Ordinance No. 1075 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Michael Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of March 2019. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

City Manager Sumner presented the Police Department Report for the month of March 2019 as Chief Couch was taking care of a family matter and was unable to attend. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth presented the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2019. 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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REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

Bob Owens, 128 County Road 755, thanked Public Works for helping again this year with their school camp cleanup. Public Works has been helping Athens City Schools clean up at the beginning of school camp for nearly 20 to 25 years and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Sumner reviewed his monthly report including the various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city. He encouraged everyone to follow the City on social media through Facebook, Twitter or YouTube. The City is having a larger impact and adding more content through those avenues. The City's Facebook account has 12,326 friends watching.

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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 6:41 p.m.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor