

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

April 21, 2020

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Mayor Perkinson presiding. This meeting was held pursuant to Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order # 16, allowing the virtual attendance of council members, and CDC/White House guidelines limiting the number of the group present. The City of Athens upholds its citizens right to witness their legislative body in action and provided this meeting by livestream and the ability to physically attend. The invocation was given by Council Member Pelley; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson

Mayor Burris was absent from the meeting as he was under the weather with something unrelated to COVID-19.

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 17, 2020 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF ICMA AWARD FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO CITY MANAGER SUMNER

Vice Mayor Perkinson congratulated City Manager Sumner on his ten (10) years of service to the International City Management Association (ICMA) as a professional city manager. City Manager Sumner has been actively involved in ICMA since he joined.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Mayor Perkinson acknowledged a Facebook posting from Sandra Cardin expressing her appreciation for her trash truck driver and neighbor who went out of their way to help her get back in the house after she fell in her driveway in the rain.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Perkinson 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.) Reappoint Lynn Perkinson to McMinn County Library Board, term expires June 30, 2023.
- b.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-19 to extend contract with TDOT for maintenance of state rights-of-way within the City limits.
- c.) Approve bid as submitted by Progression Electric for Bid #1712 for Contract Signal Maintenance Services.

- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-20 authorizing submission of an application to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration for Governor's Local Government Support Grant.

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

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

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ORDINANCES

NONE

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OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT POLICY AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT POLICY AS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN 1993 AND AMENDED IN 2002.

The caption of Resolution No. 2020-17 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Coker, seconded by Council Member Lockmiller, to approve Resolution No. 2020-17.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 1086 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC." BY ADDING A CHAPTER 11 REGARDING MOBILE FOOD VENDING.

The caption of the above-described Ordinance was read by the recording clerk. **A motion was made by Council Member Lockmiller, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Ordinance No. 1086 on First Reading.** The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT

Mr. Anthony Casteel, Community Development Director, presented the Quarterly Building Report for the City of Athens. The report was accepted as presented.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Mike Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of March 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Captain Ron Nipper presented the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Cliff Couch presented the Police Department Report for the month of March 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

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REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

Linda Long, 302 Kilgore Street, stated Hammerhill Road is dangerous going up and down the road. In the past, there were signs posted on that road "Children Playing" that are no longer in place. She requested the Council and City Manager look into the situation and see what can be done to make it a safer road.

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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.

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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.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



WILLIAM BO PERKINSON, Vice Mayor