

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

June 27, 2023

The Athens City Council met in called session on June 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherlin presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Pelley and upon roll call the following members were present:

Curtis, Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Eaton, Sherlin

The following decision was made and ordered made a part of the records of the Athens City Council.

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING

There will be a called meeting of the Athens City Council at the Athens Municipal Building (Burkett Witt Council Chambers located at 815 N. Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Discuss the pay for employees in the Athens Police Department and approve any necessary pay rate adjustments for police employees.
2. Consideration of purchasing additional vehicles for Athens Police Department.

Any interested citizen is invited to be present.

/s/

Steven S. Sherlin, Mayor

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NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS THE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE ANY NECESSARY PAY RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR POLICE EMPLOYEES

Mayor Sherlin opened the meeting by stating that they would begin the meeting with a discussion of the interviews of each of the candidates and no motions would be accepted until after each candidate was discussed. **Mayor Sherlin moved, Council Member Witt-McMahan seconded, a motion to increase the pay for certified patrol officers to \$22.50 effective for the first pay period of July, 2023. The motion includes that all officers from patrol to corporal, SRO officers and detectives making less than \$22.50 to be increased to that rate. It excludes sergeants, all positions above sergeants, administrative assistants and**

noncertified officers. Noncertified officers will receive \$22.50 once they obtain certification.

Each council member made comments concerning the motion. Roll call vote:

AYES: Witt-McMahan, Sherlin
NAYS: Pelley, Eaton
ABSTAIN: Curtis

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CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Sherlin moved, Council Member Pelley seconded, to approve the purchase of four additional vehicles for the police department in order to increase the number of take-home vehicles. Funds for these vehicles will come from the City's capital fund and will be purchased in the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.. Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Eaton, Sherlin
NAYS: None

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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.

STEVEN S. SHERLIN, Mayor

MICHAEL L. KEITH, Interim City Manager