

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

November 6th, 2023

The Athens City Council met in called session on November 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherlin presiding. The invocation was given by Mayor Sherlin and upon roll call the following members were present:

Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Pelley, Eaton, Sherlin

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

The purpose of the meeting, as issued in the "Notice of Called Meeting" dated November 6, 2023, was read and made a part of these minutes:

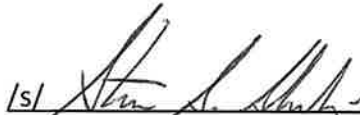
NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all residents of Athens, Tennessee, and to all persons interested, that a called meeting of the Athens City Council will be held at the Athens Municipal Building Burkett Witt Council Chambers located at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Review the City Charter and discuss possible changes/updates to be made.
2. Vote on any charter changes the City Council deems necessary.

Any interested citizen is invited to be present.


Steven S. Sherlin, Mayor

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REQUEST FROM CITIZENS

5 individuals addressed the Council in support of some Charter changes. 1 individual spoke requesting that no actions be taken on the Charter and asked Councilman Pelley to resign or be removed from council.

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NEW BUSINESS

ARTICLE IV SECTION 4 or 5 REGARDING TERM LIMITS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sherlin presented this item to the council and asked for comments from each council member regarding their position on term limits. After further comments it was recommended that this item be moved to the November 13th study session for additional discussion.

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ARTICLE V SECTION 4 REGARDING COUNCIL PAY

Mayor Sherlin presented this item to the council and asked for comments from each council member regarding their decision on pay updates. After further comments the mayor recommends further discussion from MTAS, and this item be moved to the November 13th study session.

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ARTICLE VIII SECTION 2 AMEND THE LAST SENTENCE REGARDING EMPLOYEE TERMINATION

Mayor Sherlin presented this item to the council and asked for comments from each council member regarding their decision to amend the last sentence to include the wording "removal by the Mayor or the City Manager at any time with the exception of any appeal for the removal to the council". **Council Member Pelley moved, Council Member Eaton seconded, for this item be moved to the November 13th study session.**

Roll call vote:

AYES: Pelley, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: Curtis, Witt-McMahan

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ARTICLE IX SECTION 2 REGARDING AMENDMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Mayor Sherlin presented this item to the council and asked for comments from each council member regarding their decision to allow the City Manager to hire or fire employees. After further comments the mayor recommended further discussion and this item be moved to the November 13th study session.

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ARTICLE XIX SECTION 2 REGARDING STRIKE WORDING FROM CHARTER TO FOLLOW TCA PER MTAS ADVICE

Mayor Sherlin presented this item to the council and asked for comments from each council member regarding their decision to strike wording in the current charter and follow the 58-8-104 per MTAS. After further comments the mayor recommended further discussion and this item be moved to the November 13th study session.

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ARTICLE V SECTION 1,2,3,10,12 REGARDING THE DECISION TO REPLACE COUNCILMAN WITH COUNCILPERSON

Mayor Sherlin presented this item to the council and asked for comments from each council member regarding their decision to change the wording from Councilman to Councilperson. After further comments the mayor recommended further discussion and this item be moved to the November 13th study session.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



DEB WALLACE, City Manager


STEVEN S. SHERLIN, Mayor

