

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

July 19, 2022

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Perkinson presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Pelley; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Curtis, Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller, Perkinson

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

Vice Mayor Lockmiller moved, Council Member Curtis seconded, to approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting. Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller, Perkinson
NAYS: None

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COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Perkinson advised that the following items were discussed during the recent study session and are presented as part of the Consent Agenda. The recording clerk read the following items into the record:

- a.) Reappoint Janice Hardaway to the Athens Planning Commission, term expires August 18, 2025.
- b.) Appoint Sam Stephens, Jr. to the Athens Planning Commission, term expires August 18, 2025.
- c.) Approve purchase/installation of furniture for the new Public Works facility for \$85,994.49.
- d.) Approve purchase of access control system reinstallation and additions to the new Public Works facility for \$16,244.57.
- e.) Approve Resolution No. 2022-16 committing to the implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.
- f.) Approve Resolution No. 2022-17 to increase the award for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Paving to Rogers Group, Inc.

Mayor Perkinson asked for a motion. **Council Member Curtis moved, Vice Mayor Lockmiller seconded, that the Consent Agenda as stated above be approved. Council Member Pelley moved, Council Member Witt-McMahan seconded, to remove Item c. from the Consent Agenda and vote on it separately.** Roll call vote:

AYES: Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller
NAYS: Curtis, Perkinson

Council Member Pelley moved, Vice Mayor Lockmiller seconded, to postpone Item c. until the next Study Session. Roll call vote:

AYES: Pelley
NAYS: Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller, Perkinson

Roll call vote on approval of Consent Agenda with Item c. removed:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller, Perkinson
NAYS: None

Council Member Witt-McMahan moved, Council Member Curtis seconded, to approve Item c. as presented. Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller, Perkinson
NAYS: Pelley

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 1110 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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 ON KNOXVILLE AVENUE AND SHERWOOD AVENUE FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

The recording clerk read the caption of the above-described Ordinance. Mayor Perkinson opened the public hearing. There being no one present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. Mayor Perkinson asked for a motion. **Council Member Witt-McMahan moved, Council Member Pelley seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 1110 on Second and Final Reading.** Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Witt-McMahan, Lockmiller Perkinson
NAYS: None

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

None

Council Member Pelley moved, Vice Mayor Lockmiller seconded, to suspend the rules to discuss Study Session items presented by Council Member Pelley at the July 11, 2022 Study Session. Roll call vote:

AYES: Pelley, Lockmiller
NAYS: Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Perkinson

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REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY BUILDING 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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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance Director Mr. Mike Keith presented the Finance Department Report for June 2022. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth presented the Fire Department Report for June 2022. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fred Schultz presented the Police Department Report for June 2022. The report was accepted as presented.

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REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

Ford Ector, 840 County Road 750, requested City workers be respectful to citizens and open up the park for fireworks. He felt the danger was just being moved from the park to Walmart. Dick Pelley, P.O. Box 1046, had six requests. Glenn Whiting supplied him with most of his information. His request was to look at all six of his requests individually and vote on each of them. Lisa Blos-Johnson presented Mark Reno's online petition with signatures regarding the City Manager. Her request was to have a discussion regarding citizen requests. Kevin Webb, 128 Ashley Court, wanted to apologize to Fire Chief Ainsworth and Vice Mayor Lockmiller about what happened on July 4th. He wants to be involved and discuss things in the right way. Glenn Whiting, 237 County Road 655, requested that City Manager Sumner pay the City back for the ad for the Best of the Best. His second request was that everyone must follow the rules. He noted that he had paid the retainer fee for an attorney for Council Member Pelley. Cynthia McCowan thanked the Council for what they do. Ms. McCowan's first request was to stop the fussing and fighting and stop being ugly. Be respectful. Her second request was to have a process for placing items on the Study Session agenda and only allow the person making the request to speak. Etowah is doing a Boys & Girls Club and the City needs to get involved. She also requested that all department heads report each month. Her last request was to consider a larger pool.

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Sumner reviewed current projects and upcoming projects and events.

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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 7:39 p.m.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



WILLIAM BO PERKINSON, Mayor