

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
October 30, 2024

The Athens City Council met in a called session on Wednesday, October 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherlin presiding. Mayor Sherlin gave the invocation. Vice Mayor Eaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Curtis, Pelley, Eaton, Sherlin

Absent: Witt-McMahan

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 "Public Notice of Called Meeting" posted on August 27, 2024, was made a part of these minutes:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING
OF THE
ATHENS CITY COUNCIL

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 L. Witt Council Chambers) located at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee, commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

The purpose of this meeting is:

1. Public Hearing

Second Reading of Ordinance NO. 1134

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 8 CHAPTER 2 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING THE MEETING TIME OF THE BEER BOARD

2. Public Hearing

Second Reading of Ordinance NO. 1135

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

There will be an opportunity for citizens to comment. Prior to commencement of the meeting, all citizens intending to address the city council must sign-in on the sheet located at the entrance of the council chambers. The speaker must abide by the Citizens Decorum and Rules of Engagement.

For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at (423) 744-2702.

/s/ 
Steven S. Sherlin, Mayor

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

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ORDINANCES

Public Hearing

Second Reading of Ordinance 1134

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 8 CHAPTER 2 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE MEETING TIME OF THE BEER BOARD

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1134; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded.

Public Hearing opened. One (1) individual opposed.

Public Hearing closed. Councilmembers held a brief discussion. **Motion Approved.**

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: Pelley

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Public Hearing

Second Reading of Ordinance 1135

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1135; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded.

Public Hearing opened.

One (1) individual spoke in opposition. Vice Mayor Eaton stated his opinion on the importance of having the agenda items addressed by the citizens before it is voted on by the council.

Councilmember Pelley spoke against the change to the order of business. At the conclusion of Councilmember Pelley's dialogue Vice Mayor Eaton and a citizen began to converse. Mayor Sherlin had to call the meeting to order. Councilmember Pelley called a point of privilege because he disagreed with a statement that was made. An argument began and Mayor Sherlin called for an officer to remove Councilmember Pelley from the room.

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Councilmember Pelley Challenged the Chair against removing him for disorderly conduct; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Pelley, Eaton

NAYS: Sherlin

ABSTAIN: Curtis

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Vice Mayor Eaton called to question; Councilmember Curtis seconded.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: Pelley

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Mayor Sherlin asks for roll call for the question. Public Hearing closed. **Motion Approved.**

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: Pelley

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.



RANDALL DOWLING, City Manager



STEVEN S. SHERLIN, Mayor