

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 25, 2024

The Athens City Council met in called session on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherlin presiding. The invocation was given by Councilmember Witt-McMahan; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Pelley, Eaton, Sherlin

The following decisions were made and ordered made a part of the records of the Athens City Council.

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

One (1) individual addressed the council not in favor of the ouster of Councilmember Pelley.

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NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Witt-McMahan moved to rescind the motion approved at the June 18, 2024, city council meeting concerning a public hearing regarding Councilmember Pelley, as outlined in T.C.A. 6-20-220; Councilmember Curtis seconded. Motion approved.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

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Councilmember Curtis moved to authorize the city attorney to prepare and file suit for ouster against Councilmember Pelley under T.C.A. 8-47-101; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded. Discussion began from Vice Mayor Eaton in favor of suit over public hearing. Next, Councilmember Pelley shared that he is not in favor of the suit. **Mayor Sherlin declares point of order. Councilmember Pelley moved to challenge the Chair. No second.** Councilmember Witt-McMahan stated her support of the suit. Vice Mayor Eaton repeated and elaborated why he is in favor of the suit. Councilmember Pelley repeated his disfavor of the suit.

Vice Mayor Eaton moved to call the question; Councilmember Curtis seconded. Motion failed.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Eaton

NAYS: Pelley, Sherlin

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Discussion continued. Mayor Sherlin shared his opinion in favor of the suit. **Original motion was voted on. Motion approved.**

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: Pelley

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ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Eaton moved to adjourn; Councilmember Witt-McMahan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

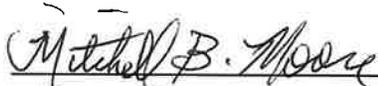
Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Witt-McMahan, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: Pelley



STEVEN S. SHERLIN, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, Interim City Manager