

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING July 16, 2024

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Athens City Hall Council Chambers with Vice Mayor Eaton presiding. Councilmember Curtis gave the invocation. Councilmember Pelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

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

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve all three (3) session minutes: (*corrected* March 19, 2024 - regular meeting; June 18, 2024 - regular meeting; and June 25, 2024 - called meeting); Councilmember Pelley seconded. Minutes approved.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Eaton
NAYS: None

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COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice Mayor Eaton acknowledged the students who are visiting our city through the Friendly City Sister Cities program. Vice Mayor Eaton thanked Denso for sponsoring an event for the students at Trinity Methodist Church.

Councilmember Curtis read the letter of appreciation, from the McMinn County Education Foundation, for the donation given by the City of Athens.

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Four (4) individuals addressed the City Council. The donation of the pipe from Selective Structures, LLC., opinion/recommendation for changes to the Council Advisory Committee and needed tree trimming in some areas of the city were the topics discussed by the citizens. Councilmember Pelley stood and announced a *point of personal privilege*; Vice Mayor Eaton denied. Councilmember Pelley moved to *challenge the Chair*; no second.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Eaton advised the recording clerk to read the following items into the record:

- a.) **Approve use of Market Park Pavilion for the Hiking for Healing fundraising event.**
- b.) **Approve “Software and Service Agreement” with DataDriven, LLC and purchase of the new RMS software system.**
- c.) **Approve Resolution No. 2024-14:** A resolution authorizing the City of Athens to participate in the Public Entity Partners 2024-2025 “Safety Partners” matching grant program.
- d.) **Approve Resolution No. 2024-15:** A resolution authorizing the City of Athens to participate in the BlueCross Healthy Places Grant.
- e.) **Approve Resolution No. 2024-16:** A resolution authorizing the City of Athens to participate in the Tourism Enhancement Grant.
- f.) **Approve Resolution No. 2024-17:** A resolution authorizing the City of Athens to participate in the Tourism Marketing Grant.

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve all items as read; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded. No discussion. Motion approved.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Eaton

NAYS: None

ORDINANCES

Second Reading: ORDINANCE NO. 1129: 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 YOUNG STREET FROM B-2 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

Vice Mayor Eaton opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Ordinance No. 1129; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded. No discussion. Motion approved.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Eaton

NAYS: None

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Second Reading: ORDINANCE NO. 1130: 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 YOUNG STREET FROM B-2 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

Vice Mayor Eaton opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Ordinance No. 1130; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded. No discussion. Motion approved.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Eaton

NAYS: None

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Second Reading: ORDINANCE NO. 1131: 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 WEST MADISON AVENUE FROM R-E (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

Vice Mayor Eaton opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Ordinance No. 1131; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded. No discussion. Motion approved.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Eaton

NAYS: None

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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Director of Community Development, Anthony Casteel, presented the Report for the second quarter of 2024. The report was accepted as presented.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance director, Mike Keith, presented the Finance Report for June 2024. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief, Brandon Ainsworth, presented the Fire Department Report for June 2024. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief, Fred Schultz, presented the Police Department Report for June 2024. The report was accepted as presented.

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager, Mitchell Moore, voiced his appreciation and acknowledged the importance of having competent staff that effectively do the jobs that they are directed to do.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



STEVEN S. SHERLIN, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, Interim City Manager