

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING August 20, 2024

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Athens City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Sherlin presiding. Councilmember Witt-McMahan gave the invocation. Councilmember Pelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve all three (3) session minutes: (July 16, 2024 – regular meeting; July 29, 2024 – called meeting; and August 1, 2024 – called meeting); **Councilmember Pelley seconded. Minutes approved.**

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

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COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

TWU Bulldogs men’s baseball team was presented with a proclamation by Councilmember Curtis for their outstanding 2024 season.

Three (3) competitors in the 29th annual All-American Soap Box Derby were recognized.

1. Breylin Hagerty was presented with a proclamation by Councilmember Pelley.
2. Anniemaye Johnson was presented with a proclamation by Councilmember Witt-McMahan.
3. Titus Millsaps was presented with a proclamation by Vice Mayor Eaton.

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CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Three (3) citizens addressed the council with their opinions and concerns. Councilmember Pelley also addressed the council with his opinions.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

a.) Approve **Resolution 2024-18**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS' 2024-2025 PROPERTY CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

b.) Approve **Resolution 2024-19**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WRECKER/TOW SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL WRECKER/TOWING SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE

- c.) Approve joint application for BlueCross Healthy Places grant with Tennessee Wesleyan University.
- d.) Approve \$30,000 contribution for the joint funding of McMinn County Tourism Director.
- e.) Approve purchase of replacement generator and transfer switch utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing pricing.
- f.) Accept bid from TMA Services for janitorial services at City Hall, Public Works, and Animal Shelter, effective October 1, 2024.
- g.) Approve surplus of Fire & Police Kenwood radios and other unneeded equipment for the VHF radio system and allow the City Manager to determine the appropriate option for selling the items.
- h.) Approve surplus of accumulated property by the police department and allow disposal of all items.
- i.) Approve \$3,200 amendment to the CTI task in the contract with Stantec
- j.) Reappoint Wesley Kite to Board of Zoning Appeals
- k.) Reappoint Dr. Elizabeth Ruleman to Friendly City Sister Cities Committee
- l.) Reappoint Mary Scudder to the Recreation Advisory Board
- m.) Reappoint Richy Huston to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- n.) Reappoint Robert (Bob) Miller to the Recreation Advisory Board
- o.) Appoint Jason Miller as an alternate to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals

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

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

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ORDINANCES

First reading of: ORDINANCE NO. 1132

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN, DEVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Ordinance No. 1132; Councilmember Pelley seconded. No discussion. Motion approved.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Curtis, Pelley, Eaton, Sherlin

NAYS: None

Absent: Witt-McMahan

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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-20 was postponed by Mayor Sherlin until a maintenance bond has been received from the insurance company.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance director, Mike Keith, presented the Finance Report for July 2024.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief, Brandon Ainsworth, presented the Fire Department Report for July 2024.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief, Fred Schultz, was unable to present a monthly report for the Police Department due to the storm on July 30, 2024, that caused an outage of critical city systems resulting in data loss back to February 2024. Chief Shultz announced that the clerks are currently reentering that lost data.

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager, Mitchell Moore, started his report by presenting the June and July animal control, sanitation, and recycle reports. He mentioned the Parks and Recreation department's recent updates and the Trail of Tears historic signs. He included the Tennessee Labor Force Estimates for the month of June 2024. Lastly, Mr. Moore went over the Technology Departments' memo regarding the IT incident on July 30, 2024.

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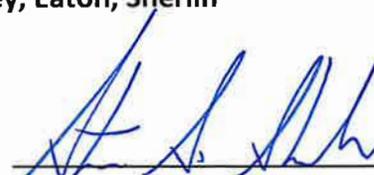
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Pelley moved to adjourn; Vice Mayor Eaton seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS:



STEVEN S. SHERLIN, Mayor



MITCHELL B. MOORE, Interim City Manager