



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:00pm

Athens Municipal Building
Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – Regular Session
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. Proclamation: Mr. Mike Bevins
 - b. Proclamation: School Board Appreciation Week
 - c. Glenn Whiting presentation of appreciation
- VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS GERMANE TO THE AGENDA**
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Approve Resolution 2025-01
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
ATHENS UTILITIES BOARD'S ELECTRICAL IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025
 - b. Approve Resolution 2025-02
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
ATHENS UTILITIES BOARD'S GAS IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

- c. Approve FY 2024-2025 Fund Balance Transfer
- d. Approve Final Close-Out Document for the USDA Rural Development Loan for the School Building Project
- e. Approve Resolution 2025-03
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26-31, 2025,
ATHENS FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK
- f. Approve Appointment of James Fries to the Council Advisory Committee (Duggan)

IX. ORDINANCES

-None-

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Rescinding the December 17, 2024, Vote to Demolish North City School and Authorize Staff to Prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Solicit Interested parties to Determine their Interest in Leasing the Building and Making Improvements.
- b. Appointment to the McMinn County Library Board

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of a Historic Overlay District for the Downtown Area and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1136 Creating the H-2 Historic Overlay District
ORDINANCE NO. 1136:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING THAT THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 3.04.14 SO AS TO ADD SUBSECTION "G" THAT ESTABLISHES THE H-2 HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT LIMITS AS BOUNDED BY COLLEGE STREET, GREEN STREET, PARK STREET AND HILL STREET; AND PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IS AMENDED SO AS TO ATTACH THE H-1 HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT AS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND ON THE ATTACHED MAP; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- b. Discussion of the Appraisal Results of Downtown Building to be Used as a City Hall
- c. Authorize the City Manager to Begin Planning for the Design and Future Construction of an Additional Fire Station on Elizabeth Street

XII. REPORTS

- a. Community Development 4th Quarter Report & 2024 Annual Building Report
presented by Director of Community Development, Anthony Casteel
- b. Finance Department Monthly Report
presented by Director of Finance, Mike Keith
- c. Fire Department Monthly Report
presented by Fire Chief, Brandon Ainsworth
- d. Police Department Monthly Report
presented by Police Chief, Fred Schultz

XIII. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a. Program of Work

XIV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

XV. ADJOURNMENT