



# ATHENS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, February 18, 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**

- (1 – 2) a. Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - Public Hearing (CDBG)
- (3 – 7) b. Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - Regular Session
- (8 – 9) c. Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - Called Meeting

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Proclamation – Denso Manufacturing

**VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS GERMANE TO THE AGENDA**

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- (10 – 13) a. Approve Bid Award for RFP 24-09 for Heritage Park Playground Equipment and other Amenities.
- (14 – 20) b. Approve Bid Award for RFP 25-01 for July 4th Fireworks at Regional Park.
- (21 – 46) c. Approve Installation of Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station Headquarters.
- (47) d. Approve Requesting County Funds in the Amount of \$42,000 to Acquire Two LUCAS Chest Compression Devices for the City Fire Department.
- (48) e. Approve Submitting a 2025 Tennessee Rescue Squad Grant Application.
- (49) f. Approve Appointment of Bill Wilson Jr. to the Council Advisory Committee (Pelley).
- (50) g. Approve Appointment of Amy Sullins to the Council Advisory Committee (Curtis) to fill the unexpired term of Tyler Forrest.
- (51) h. Approve Appointment of Kim Cochran-Graham to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the expired term of Tyler Boyd. (Term Expires: March 2030)

- (52) i. Approve Appointment of Juanita McClure-Lewis to the Athens Housing Authority to fill the expired term of Everette Gillespie. (Term Expires: March 6, 2030)
- (53 – 57) j. Approve Road and Railroad Safety Improvements at the Intersection of W. Madison Avenue, Rocky Mount Road and Old Riceville Road  
Resolution No. 2025-04  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE OFFICE OF RAIL ENGINEERING THROUGH TENNESSEE THE HIGHWAY-RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING PROGRAM.

**IX. ORDINANCES**

- (58 – 61) a. Historic Overlay District for Downtown  
Second reading of 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.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- (62 – 68) a. Reconsider the Demolition of North City School and Rescind the Approved Demolition Motion from December 17, 2024, Regular Session.
- (69) b. Appointment to the McMinn County Library Board
  - 1. Jacob Burnette
  - 2. Amy Sullins
  - 3. Frances Witt-McMahan

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- (70 – 74) a. Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Athens and McMinn Regional Humane Society
- (75 - 76) b. Recodification of Athens City Code  
First Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 1137:  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.
- (77 – 105) c. Updating the City’s MS4 Stormwater Ordinance 1138 for Compliance  
First Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 1138:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 ENTITLED ‘ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL’ BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE.
- (106 - 114) d. Clarify the Approved Motion of the November 15, 2022 City Council Regular Session

**XII. REPORTS**

- (115 - 124) a. Finance Department Monthly Report  
presented by Director of Finance, Mike Keith
- (125 - 128) b. Fire Department Monthly Report  
presented by Fire Chief, Brandon Ainsworth
- (129 - 148) c. Police Department Monthly Report  
presented by Police Chief, Fred Schultz

**XIII. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- (149 - 158) a. Program of Work

**XIV. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**