

# STAFF REPORT

## ATHENS MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

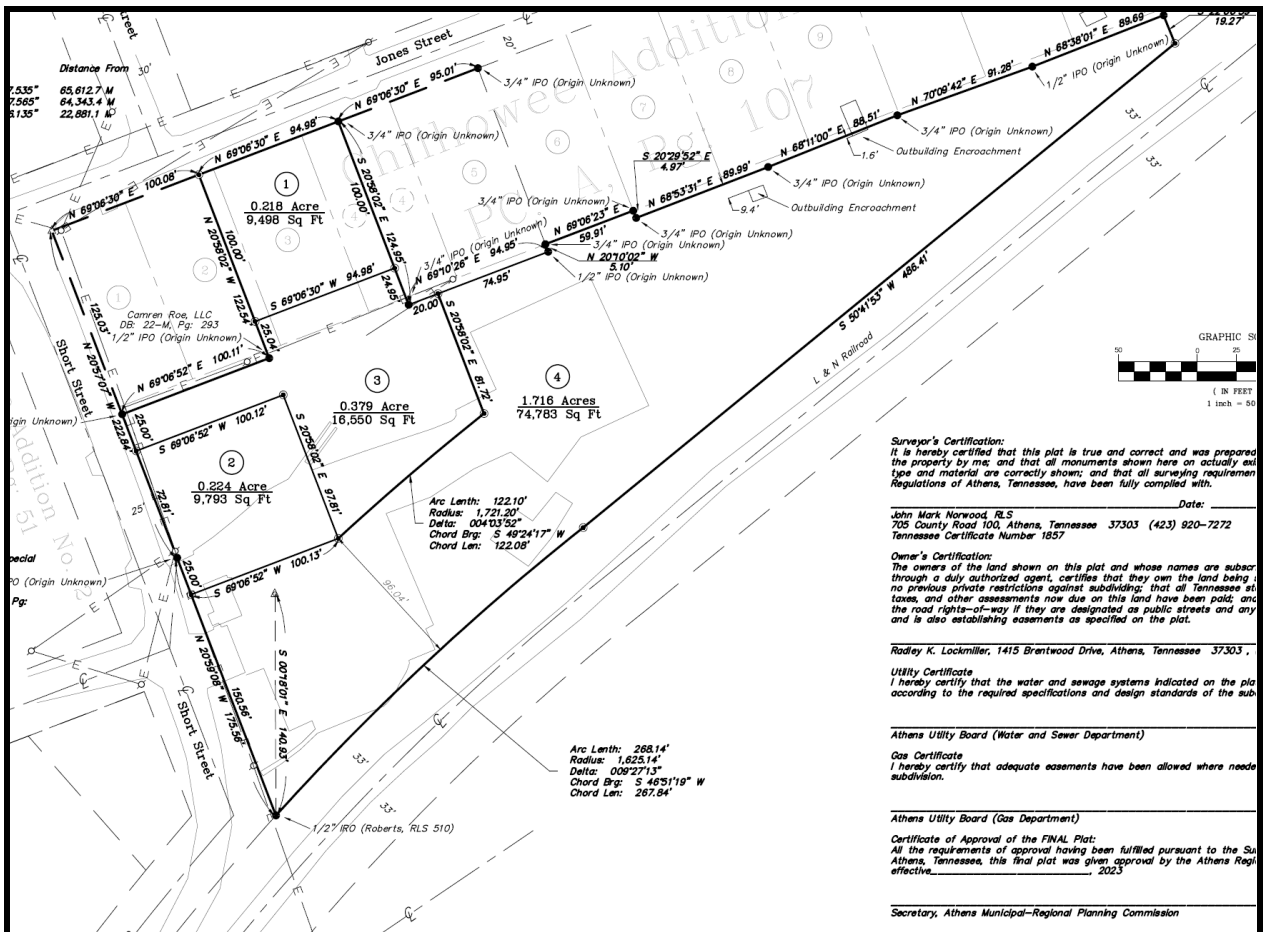
December 4, 2023

12:00 P.M.

### CONFERENCE ROOM

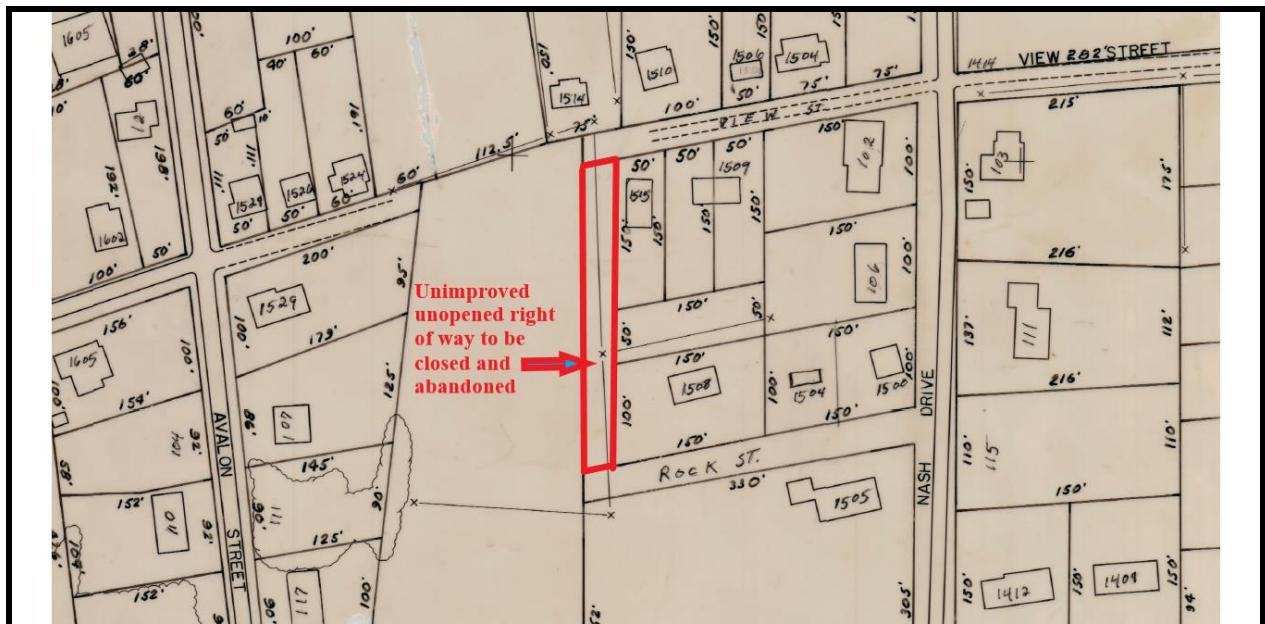
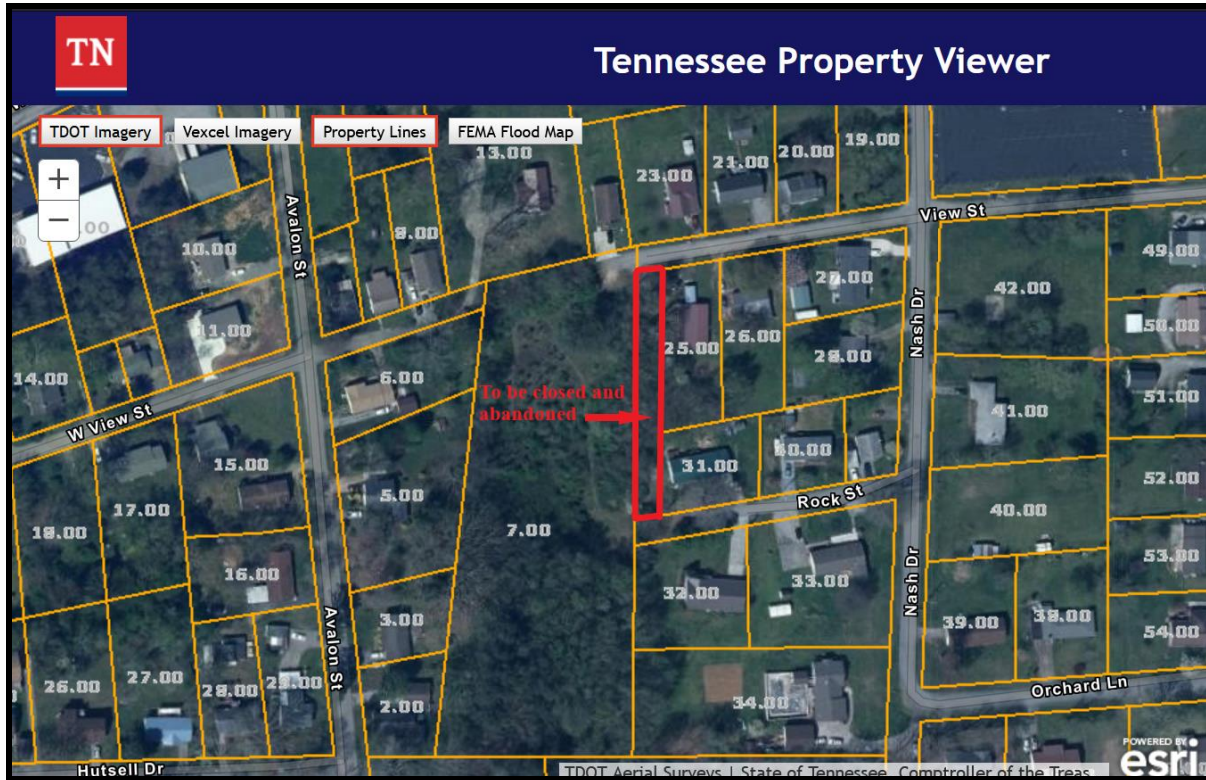
#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers
2. Public Comments and Final Plat approval request for Radley Lockmiller on property shown as Tax Map 057H Group C Parcels 032.00 042.00, 043.00 and 044.00 on the Tennessee Real Estate Property Assessment Data Website. The 2.537-acre subdivision is located on Short Street zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential and is reconfiguring four (4) lots into four (4) lots.



The landowner is reconfiguring 4 lots into 4 lots. The plat has been reviewed by Staff and AUB. Staff recommends approval since all signature blocks have been completed.

3. Public Hearing and Recommendation for the closure and abandonment of an unopened/unimproved alleyway between Rock Street and View Street.



**LEGAL NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Athens announces a public hearing will be held during the regular Planning Commission Meeting on December 4, 2023 at the Athens Municipal Building, Conference Room, 815 North Jackson Street at Noon on the following:

**CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF AN UNOPENED/UNIMPROVED ALLEY/RIGHT-OF-WAY RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH BETWEEN VIEW STREET AND ROCK STREET IN THE CITY OF ATHENS**

Public comments will be accepted at this public hearing. All parties wishing to speak on this issue should be present at the hearing or submit comments to the Community Development Department, 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee 37303 or via email at [acasteel@athensstn.gov](mailto:acasteel@athensstn.gov) on or before the public hearing date. A copy of the alley area on Official City Street Maps to be abandoned is available for inspection at the Athens Municipal Building during normal business hours (Monday through Friday) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Publication: November 16, 2023.

*We Appreciate Your Business!*

**Language of letter sent to all adjacent landowners:**

***SUBJECT: Official Notification of Alley Closure and Abandonment for an unopened/unimproved alley running north to south between Rock Street and View Street***

*To whom it may concern,*

*This letter is to inform you per TCA Section 54-10-202 about the possible closure of the entire length of the unopened/unimproved alley running north to south from View Street to Rock Street. There will be a public hearing at Noon at the December 4, 2023 regular Planning Commission Meeting at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens TN 37303. The request may come to a vote at the December 19, 2023 at the regular council meeting starting at 6 PM.*

54-10-202. Notice to interested parties of action to open or close.

No road shall be opened, changed, or closed, without giving at least five-days' notice to all interested parties of the time the road or roads are to be opened, changed, or closed, and a surveyor or civil engineer may be employed, if necessary, to locate the interested parties. Landowners and those controlling land touched by the proposed highway shall be deemed interested parties.

The Public Works Department on behalf of City Council has initiated the closure and abandoned of the above unopened-unimproved right of way per Section 16-603 of the City of Athens Municipal Code. Proper notice has been sent to the adjacent landowners, and a public hearing has been properly advertised in the local paper of circulation. **Staff recommends approval subject to reserving all rights of the City to install and maintain utilities in said right-of-way.**