



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6:00pm

Athens City Hall
Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – Regular Session

B. Thursday, October 23, 2025 – Called Session

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Athens City Primary School Report

B. VIVID Award – James “Jim” Robert Nelson

C. Southeast United States / Japan Association (SEUS) Conference - Lindsey Ferguson

D. Visit to Athens Sister City, Isahaya, Japan - Mayor Eaton & City Manager Dowling

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Replacement of Existing Court Lighting Fixtures and Add New Pedestrian Lighting at Ingleside Park and Replace Existing Court Lighting Fixtures at Heritage Park

B. Approve Updates to 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

IX. ORDINANCES

A. Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1147, An Ordinance to Amend Title 3 “Municipal Court”, Chapter I, Section 3, of the Athens City Code, by Removing the Requirement that the City Judge be a Resident of the County.

- B. Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1148, An Ordinance Amending the City of Athens, Tennessee Municipal Zoning Ordinance Regulating Development within the Corporate Limits of Athens, Tennessee, to Minimize Danger to Life and Property Due to Flooding, and to Maintain Eligibility for Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing for Resolution 2025-29, a Resolution adopting a Plan of Services for the Annexation of the Lee Drive Area Property by the City of Athens, Tennessee
- B. Resolution 2025-30, a Resolution to Annex Property Located off Lee Drive and Described in the Body of this Resolution, and to Incorporate the same Within the Boundaries of the City of Athens, Tennessee.
(Action contingent on adoption of the Plan of Services.)
- C. If Resolution 2025-30 is approved City Council may consider the First Reading of Ordinance 1149, an Ordinance to Amend The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, so as to Amend the Official Zoning Map to Include and Zone Property off Lee Drive to R-3 (High Density Residential District) Said Area Being Located Within the Corporate Limits of Athens, Tennessee.
(Action contingent on approval of Annexation.)
- D. Bid Award of RFP 25-16 Fireworks & Drone Light Show for July 4, 2026
- E. Engineering Agreement to Proceed with Phase 1 of Market Park Master Plan
- F. Historic Preservation Commission - Vacancy
 - application on file – James Fries
- G. Discuss Graffiti Ordinance
- H. Choose a Process for Filling City Council Vacancy
 - Call for Nominations from City Council
 - Establish Application Period and Accept Applications

XII. REPORTS

- A. Finance Department Monthly Report
- B. Fire Department Monthly Report
- C. Police Department Monthly Report

XIII. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Program of Work

XIV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

XV. ADJOURNMENT