



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION

The Athens City Council met in regular session on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Athens City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Eaton presiding. Councilmember Duggan led the invocation. Vice Mayor Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

PRESENT: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

ABSENT: Sherlin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Tuesday, – Regular Session

B. Thursday, – Called Session

Councilmember Duggan moved to approve the minutes as presented; Seconded by Vice Mayor Curtis.

APPROVED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition and Appreciation Plaque Presentation from the Knox Asian Festival for the City of Athens' Support of the Isahaya Sister City Program.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

-No Comments-

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve FYE June 30, 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

B. Approve FY 2025-26 Fund Balance Transfer of 1.7 million from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund

C. Approve Resolution 2025-31, a Resolution Authorizing the Distribution of the Athens Utilities Board's Gas In Lieu of Tax Payments for FY 2025-26.

D. Approve Resolution 2025-32, a Resolution Authorizing the Distribution of the Athens Utilities Board's Electrical In Lieu of Tax Payments for FY 2025-26.

E. Approve Debt Management Policy Annual Review

F. Award RFB 25-17 to Stansell Electric for Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Rocky Mount Rd. / W. Madison Ave. / Old Riceville Rd.

- G. Approve Municipal Judge Application Process as presented during the December 8, 2025 Work Session.
- H. Approve 30-day extension for Interim City Judge Mitchell Bryant.
- I. Approve Resolution 2025-33, a Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee to Participate in the Cyber Security Matching Grant Program through Public Entity Partners.
- J. Approve Resolution 2025-34, a Resolution concerning the Extension of Davis Place Drive and New Roadways off Shadows Lawn Drive Built to City Standards to be Named 'Meadow Wood Lane' & 'English Oak Lane' and Accepting said Streets into the Street System of the City of Athens, Tennessee.
- K. Approve Friday, December 26, 2025 as a One-Time Additional Paid Holiday for City Employees.
- L. Accept Resignation of Steven Sherlin from the Athens Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Curtis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Seconded by Councilmember McCowan.

PASSED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

ORDINANCES

- A. Second Reading and Public Hearing 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.

Mayor Eaton opened the public hearing. No discussion. Mayor Eaton closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Curtis moved to approve Ordinance 1149; Seconded by Councilmember Duggan.

PASSED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bid Award of RFP 25-16 Fireworks & Drone Light Show for July 4, 2026

Vice Mayor Curtis moved to award RFP-25 to the lowest bidder (\$119,000), Pyro Shows, Inc.; Seconded by Councilmember Duggan

PASSED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2026 Meeting Dates, Location, Formality for City Council Work Sessions, Regular Sessions, and Beer Board.

Vice Mayor Curtis moved to approve 2026 meeting dates for City Council and Beer Board as presented, changing the location of City Council Work Sessions from Council Chambers to Conference Room, and not to live stream City Council Work Session; Seconded by Councilmember McCowan.

PASSED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

- B. Appointment of Councilmember McCowan to the Board of Zoning Appeals, replacing Mayor Eaton.

- C. Appointment of Councilmember McCowan to the Historic Preservation Commission, replacing Vice Mayor Curtis

Councilmember Duggan moved to appoint Perry McCowan to the Board of Zoning Appeals and to the Historic Preservation Commission; Seconded by Vice Mayor Curtis.

PASSED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

REPORTS

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

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Program of Work

CITIZENS COMMENTS

-No Comments-

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eaton adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.



Randall Dowling, City Manager



Larry Eaton, Mayor