



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, August 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Athens City Hall

815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee 37303

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Statewide Organization for Community eMpowerment (SOCM)
- B. Council Advisory Committee – July 20, 2026, meeting review
- C. Fire Department – Update on retrogression of public protection classification
- D. Public Works – Update on FY 2026-27 paving projects

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Resolution 2026-20, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Designating City-Owned Property Located at 1601 Palos Street, Identified as Tax Parcel 056C A 054.00, as a Public Park, Providing for Its Incorporation into the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Providing for Potential Future Park Improvements, and Establishing a Public Input Process for Naming the Park.
- B. Resolution 2026-21, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Participate in the 2026-2027 Property Conservation Matching Grant Program through Public Entity Partners.
- C. Resolution 2026-22, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Apply for Norfolk Southern's Safety First Grant for the 2026 Program Year
- D. Resolution 2026-23, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Apply for the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development FY27 Tourism Enhancement Grant and to Provide the Required Local Match.
- E. Authorization for an update to the employee pay scale to include a new position and a position title change for the Information Technology Department.
- F. Proposed Revisions to the Employee Handbook.

- G. Authorization to purchase a CAT 275 skid steer under Statewide Contract SWC-225 for \$115,458.50 from the fleet fund, declare asset #4316 surplus, and list for sale on GovDeals.
- H. Authorization to purchase a skid-steer mounted asphalt mini-paver system for \$69,315 from the capital improvement fund using a sole-source contract.
- I. Amendment No. 2 to Gresham Smith Agreement – STBG-L Paving Project
- J. Consideration of the Sale of City-Owned Property Surrounding the Former North City School.
- K. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1159 to amend Title 1, Chapter 1-II of the Athens City Code by Adding Section 1-46 Establishing Compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers Pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Athens, Tennessee.
- L. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1160 to Amend The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, so as to Amend the Official Zoning Map to Rezone the Property Located off Spruce Street from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential).
- M. Councilmember Items
 - 1. Mayor Eaton
 - i. New T.C.A. § 8-44-112 language regarding citizens comments

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- A. Board of Adjustments & Appeals – 1 Vacancy (alternate)
- B. Historic Preservation Commission – 1 Vacancy
(an architect, if available, pursuant to MZO 3.04.14(B))

VIII. ADJOURNMENT