

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Perkinson; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris

The following decisions were made and ordered made a part of the records of the Athens City Council.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of August 15, 2017 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD – ATHENS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Vice Mayor Pelley presented the Very Important Volunteer Individuals (VIVID) Award for the month of September 2017 to Ginger Robinson and her 2017 8th Grade Enrichment Class students involved in the Free Hill Historical Marker Project. Ginger Robinson and her students Emma Blackledge, Cade Hipps, Gabe Kovach, Rachel Murray, Crimsyn Price, Andrew Ronne and Caroline Taylor were present for the presentation.

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PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – BILL KNOX FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Council Member Raper presented a proclamation recognizing the week of October 8-14, 2017 as Bill Knox Fire Prevention Week. Bill Knox's wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present for the presentation.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Typically letters received from public commenting on an event or the actions of an individual are included in the City Council's agenda packet. The City had received so many letters this month from individuals regarding the Eclipse on August 21, 2017 that a notebook was being created to commemorate the event. Austin Fesmire, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a short video on the development of Athens Regional Park and the Eclipse event at the park.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Burris opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. There were none presented at this time.

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REPORTS

ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS QUARTERLY REPORT

Dr. Melanie Miller, Superintendent of Athens City Schools, presented the City Council with her quarterly update.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Michael Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of August 2017. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Interim Chief Rob Davis presented the Police Department Report for the month of August 2017. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Jim Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of August 2017. The report was accepted as presented.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Burris advised that the following items were discussed during the recent study session and are presented as a part of the Consent Agenda. The recording clerk read the items into the record:

- a.) Approve selection of professional engineering consulting firm for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for resurfacing various streets in Athens
- b.) Approve Resolution 2017-20 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for the rehabilitation of sewer lines
- c.) Approve Resolution 2017-21 authorizing the application for and the acceptance of a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for Fiscal Year 2017
- d.) Approve Resolution 2017-22 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with McMinn County

On motion by Council Member Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Coker, the Consent Agenda as stated above was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 1065 – SECOND/FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING THAT THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 4.20 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE AND PATIO HOME (RT-PH) REGULATIONS BE AMENDED; CLARIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR EACH USE; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The caption of the above-described Ordinance was read by the recording clerk. Mayor Burris opened the public hearing. There being no one present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. **A motion was made by Council Member Raper, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Ordinance No. 1065 on Second and Final Reading.** Ordinance No. 1065 was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

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ORDINANCE NO. 1066 – SECOND/FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING THAT THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3.04.07.B USES PERMITTED BE AMENDED; TO ADD DORMITORY AND BARRACKS USES IN CERTAIN CASES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The caption of the above-described Ordinance was read by the recording clerk. Mayor Burris opened the public hearing. There being no one present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. **A motion was made by Council Member Coker, seconded by Vice Mayor Pelley, to approve Ordinance No. 1066 on Second and Final Reading.** Ordinance No. 1066 was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

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NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE APPLICATION FOR RETAIL FOOD STORE WINE LICENSE FOR K-VA-T FOOD STORES, INC. D/B/A FOOD CITY # 686 – 105 SOUTH HILL STREET

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pelley, seconded by Council Member Perkinson, to approve a Certificate of Compliance for a Retail Food Store Wine License for K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. d/b/a Food City # 686, located at 105 South Hill Street. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Coker, Perkinson, Raper, Pelley, Burris
NAYS: None

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pelley to put more handicapped parking spaces for veterans in front of the McMinn County Courthouse Annex on Madison Avenue. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Burris stated this item was already being reviewed by city officials and will probably be taken care of before the next study session. City Manager Sumner stated they had already discussed this matter and it was being taken care of by Public Works. The project will be completed as soon as possible. Council Member Coker asked that this item be added to the October Study Session.

Mayor Burris informed Vice Mayor Pelley that if he had a pressing issue to be discussed then he should be contacting the City Manager or the City Manager's Administrative Assistant in a timely manner to request the item be added to the agenda. A Council cannot work efficiently if items are brought before it on the spur of the moment and they do not know about it or have an opportunity to study it.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pelley to place a six-month moratorium on Downtown parking. The motion died for a lack of a second.

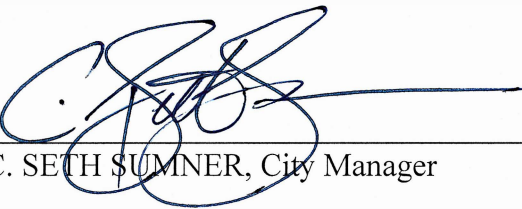
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MANAGER'S REPORT


City Manager Sumner reviewed the various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city as presented in his monthly report. He noted that the local sales for July reflect an increase of \$29,385 over last year and was probably the largest increase they have ever had in that month. The TML Risk Management Pool had refunded \$37,000 in premiums this year. A press conference had been held last week announcing the new Police Chief, Cliff Couch, and the new Public Works Director, Ben Burchfield. The selection of a Fellow should be made in the next couple of weeks.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor