

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Mayor Burris; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Raper, Pelley, Burris

*Mayor Burris noted the absence of Council Member Perkinson who was attending to a family issue.*

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 October 17, 2017 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION

C. Seth Sumner, City Manager, presented the "Employee of the Quarter" award for the period ending September 30, 2017 to Darlene Morgan, Account Clerk in the Finance Department.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Burris congratulated Community Development, Fire and Police for the letters of appreciation they received.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Burris opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. Bob Owens, 943 Crestway Drive, thanked Fire Chief Jim Dyer for spending approximately six hours with him touring the public schools in Athens. Chief Dyer pointed out some issues that needed to be taken care of and educated Mr. Owens on some of the duties of the Fire Department. Tracy Lee, Principal at Westside School, 700 Westside Avenue, also expressed her appreciation to Chief Dyer. Ms. Lee thanked the Athens Fire Department for coming to the school on Fire Safety Day. The students loved it and enjoyed writing letters to the Fire Department letting them know how much they appreciated the department. She also thanked the Athens Police Department for having a presence in her school.

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Cliff Couch presented the Police Department Report for the month of October 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 October 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.) Accept bid as submitted by Advance Auto for the replacement of a heavy duty lift for the garage at Public Works.
- b.) Accept proposal as submitted by Burleson-Brown Photography related to services for photographs for the Daddy/Daughter Dance.
- c.) Accept proposal as submitted by School Days Photography related to services for youth sports photography for basketball, baseball and softball.
- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2017-25 authorizing the City of Athens to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool's Property Conservation Matching Grant Program.
- e.) Approve Resolution No. 2017-26 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to receive funds in the FY2017 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

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

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

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OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ATHENS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-27

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ATHENS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR A STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER

The caption of Resolution No. 2017-27 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Coker, seconded by Council Member Raper, to approve Resolution No. 2017-27.** There was no discussion and the resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS WITH THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS WITH THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The caption of Resolution No. 2017-28 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Raper, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Resolution No. 2017-28.** There was no discussion and the resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY CLOSE PORTION OF COLLEGE STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29

A RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY CLOSE PORTION OF COLLEGE STREET AS DESCRIBED WITHIN THE BODY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE

The caption of Resolution No. 2017-29 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Vice Mayor Pelley, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Resolution No. 2017-29.** There was no discussion and the resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

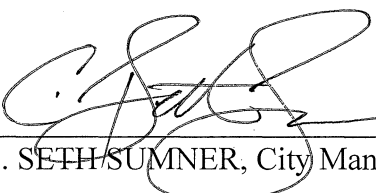
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MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Sumner stated that there is a problem with the Channel 95 server and scheduled airings of videos such as those of the City Council meetings cannot be shown until a new server has been received. He announced the upcoming events including a church safety symposium to be held at the Movie Palace the first or second week in January and invited the clergy to participate. The various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city were presented in his monthly report.

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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 6:39 p.m.

  
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C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager

  
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CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor