

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

December 18, 2018

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Perkinson; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris

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

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MINUTES

There were no minutes submitted for approval at this meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Burris acknowledged receipt of a letter from the United Way of McMinn & Meigs County, thanking City Manager Sumner for participating in the first annual Food City Celebrity bagging event. Volunteer baggers raised over \$4,300. Austin Fesmire received an email from Mr. Alcide Porell of Loudon, Tennessee, expressing his appreciation of everything Parks and Recreation has done to remember our WWII vets.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

Amanda Hall, 200 Guille Street, thanked the Athens Fire and Police departments for supporting Athens City Schools and thanked them for School Resource Officer Hunter Cardin.

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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 November 2018. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Cliff Couch provided a PowerPoint presentation on the equipment the Police Department had acquired for fingerprinting and copy stand photography as well as the membership to Leads Online which is designed to aid law enforcement in locating stolen property. The Police Department Report for the month of November 2018 was accepted as presented. Council Member Lockmiller asked if there was any data on the number of crimes that had been solved as a result of the fingerprinting equipment. Chief Couch responded that if those numbers were available he would provide them to Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth presented the Fire Department Report for the month of November 2018. The report was accepted as presented.

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 following items into the record:

- a. Accept bid as submitted by Wilson Construction for DENSO Eco Park Restroom Construction Project.
- b. Accept bid as submitted by Community Development Partners to develop a Comprehensive 20-Year Land Use Plan.
- c. Accept bid as submitted by First Out Rescue Equipment for a FLIR K65 Thermal Imagery Camera for the Athens Fire Department.
- d. Accept proposal as submitted by Tyler Technologies for Municipal Accounting Software.
- e. Approve City of Athens Debt Management Policy, annual review by the Athens City Council.
- f. Approve Resolution No. 2018-37 to make application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for funds to purchase a hostage negotiation device known as a "Throw Phone".
- g. Approve recommendation to declare duty handgun as surplus property and to authorize donation to retiring Captain Rob Davis.
- h. Approve recommendation to declare accumulated property collected by the Athens Police Department surplus as detailed in memorandum from Lt. Jason Garren dated November 29, 2018.
- i. Appoint Council Representatives to Boards and Committees:
 - i. Council Member Coker to the Athens Regional Planning Commission and Athens Utilities Board, terms expire December 15, 2020.
 - ii. Vice Mayor Perkinson to the Historic Preservation Commission, term expires December 15, 2020.
 - iii. Council Member Lockmiller to the McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services Board of Directors, term expires December 15, 2020.
 - iv. Mayor Burris to the McMinn County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, term expires December 15, 2020.
 - v. Yvonne Raper to the McMinn County Senior Citizens Board of Directors, term expires December 15, 2020.

Council Member Pelley stated he supported items a. through h. but was opposed to item i. **On motion by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Coker, the Consent Agenda as stated above was approved by the following roll call vote:**

AYES: Coker, Lockmiller, Perkinson, Burris
NAYS: Pelley

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 1071 – SECOND/FINAL READING - PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING THAT THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 4.16 TELECOMMUNICATION STRUCTURES, BE AMENDED TO ADD LANGUAGE THAT ADDRESSES SMALL CELL SUPPORT STRUCTURES; 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 else present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Ordinance No. 1071 on Second and Final Reading.** Ordinance No. 1071 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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OLD BUSINESS

ATHENS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE ENRICHMENT CLASS STORYBOOK TRAIL PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-38

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ATHENS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE ENRICHMENT CLASS FOR STORYBOOK TRAIL PROJECT.

The caption of Resolution No. 2018-38 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Coker, seconded by Council Member Pelley, to approve Resolution No. 2018-38.**

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

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NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF RECORDS RETENTION MANUAL APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE (MTAS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-39

A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE AND ADOPT THE RECORDS RETENTION MANUAL APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE AS THE OFFICIAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS.

The caption of Resolution No. 2018-39 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Lockmiller, to approve Resolution No. 2018-39.**

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

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REQUEST TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-40

RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATORS INTRODUCE AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

The caption of Resolution No. 2018-40 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Resolution No. 2018-40.**

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

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PROPOSAL TO RESCIND AND REPLACE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

ORDINANCE NO. 1072 – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The caption of Ordinance No. 1072 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Coker, seconded by Vice Mayor Perkinson, to approve Ordinance No. 1072 on first reading.** Council Member Pelley stated he was opposed to moving citizen requests to the end of the agenda. He felt the change would be an imposition to the citizens and did not understand the logic behind the change. Mayor Burris responded that this was not taking anything away from the citizens and everyone is going to be heard. The change is being made to streamline the process. Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Coker, Lockmiller, Perkinson, Burris
NAYS: Pelley

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Sumner reviewed his monthly report including the various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city. He noted that the County had approved funding \$20,000 for the high mast lighting project. City Manager Sumner announced that he had been reappointed to the MTAS Advisory Committee and will serve as chairman for the next two years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager



CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor