

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Mayor Perkinson presiding. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Perkinson; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson

Mayor Buttram was out-of-town and did not attend the meeting.

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 16, 2011 were submitted and approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD

Council Member Davis presented the *Very Important Volunteer Individual Award* for September 2011 to Gary Bowman for his outstanding support of this community.

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PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Council Member Jackson presented a proclamation proclaiming October 9 – 15, 2011 as Fire Prevention Week to Chief Dyer.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION – BETH MERCER’S RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR FOR E. G. FISHER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Vice Mayor Perkinson presented a proclamation proclaiming September 30, 2011 as “Beth Mercer Day” in the city of Athens and Council Member Pelley presented Ms. Mercer with a framed commemorative plate and key to the City.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Mayor Perkinson acknowledged receipt of letters of appreciation for services performed by city staff.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Vice Mayor Perkinson opened the meeting for petitions and requests from the audience. There were no petitions or requests presented at this time.

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BEER BOARD

6:18 P.M.....The Athens City Council recessed and reconvened as the Athens Beer Board

RELINQUISHMENT OF BEER PERMIT – SPARKLE ONE STOP

Vice Mayor Perkinson acknowledged receipt of a letter from Teresa Carter relinquishing the Package Beer Store (Off Premises) Beer Permit at Sparkle One Stop, 304 South White Street, as this business no longer sells beer. **A motion was made by Board Member Pelley, seconded by Board Member Davis, to accept the relinquishment of the Package Beer Store (Off Premises) Beer Permit by Sparkle One Stop as submitted.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Buttram

6:20 P.M.....The Athens Beer Board adjourned and reconvened as the Athens City Council

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Brad Harris, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of August 2011. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Chuck Ziegler presented the Police Department Report for the month of August 2011. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Jim Dyer presented the Fire Department Report for the month of August 2011. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve Resolution No. 2011-28 to apply for and accept funding for a Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grant to be used for trail surfacing and construction related to the North Mouse Creek restoration project;
- b.) Accept low bid (Bid No. 1545 dated August 22, 2011) as submitted by Hampton Backhoe Service for property clearing;

- c.) Accept low bids (Bid No. 1547 dated August 31, 2011) as submitted by Chilhowee Greenhouse, Blankenship Farms and Heather Farms Nursery for plants for North Mouse Creek;
- d.) Reappoint Russell Thress to serve a five-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission, term expires October 1, 2016;
- e.) Accept resignation by Charles Robinson from Board of Zoning Appeals, term expires June 30, 2013.

On motion by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Jackson, items b.) through e.) of the Consent Agenda as stated above were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Buttram

A motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve item a.) of the Consent Agenda. Council Member Pelley stated that the Regional Park has been built with grants but grants do not pay for maintenance. He commented that he would rise in opposition to this grant. After further discussion and upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Jackson, Perkinson
NAYS: Pelley
ABSENT: Buttram

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OLD BUSINESS

911 DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to approve the \$238,000 fee proposed by the McMinn County Emergency Communications District for emergency communications and dispatching services. City Manager Moore stated the City's \$225,000 proposal had been rejected and a counteroffer of \$238,000 was made by the Board. He received the proposed agreement earlier in the day and sent it to the City Attorney. Since the agreement had not been received until 2:57 p.m., Mr. Trew did not have time to review it prior to the meeting. It was Mr. Moore's recommendation that the City Council accept the \$238,000 proposal and hold a called meeting on Thursday, September 22nd after the Council and City Attorney had an opportunity to review the contract. A called meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2011 to approve the contract. Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Buttram

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NEW BUSINESS

CITY OF ATHENS STORM WATER PROGRAM AND ANNUAL REPORT – PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Shawn Lindsey, Public Works Director, stated that one of the requirements of the program was to conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from citizens on the City's storm water program. These comments would then be incorporated into the annual report. Vice Mayor Perkinson opened the public hearing. There being no one present wishing to discuss the report, Public Hearing was closed.

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TIF DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL (the "COUNCIL") OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE (the "CITY") EXPRESSING THE GENERAL INTENT OF THE CITY TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF PROSPECT HILL, LLC FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR TRACTS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY AS A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENT.

The caption of the above-described Resolution was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve Resolution No. 2011-29 as presented.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Buttram

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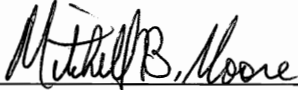
MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Moore presented the Manager's Report. He reviewed the progress of current city projects/meetings scheduled during the months of September and October. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted.

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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 7:15 p.m.



MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager



WILLIAM BO PERKINSON, Vice Mayor