

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 19, 2010

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Council Member Davis; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson, Buttram

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 on September 21, 2010 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Ms. Rita Brown, Director of Human Resources, presented the "Employee of the Quarter" award for the period ending September 30, 2010. Lynn Wade, Parks Maintenance Foreman in the Parks & Recreation Department, was recognized for her outstanding service to the City of Athens. As in the past, the recipient of this award receives a \$50 savings bond and becomes eligible for the "Employee of the Year" award, which is given annually to recognize significant service to the City of Athens.

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PRESENTATION OF TENNESSEE RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Volunteer Service Award to Johnny Coffman. Mr. Fesmire noted that this award is given to individuals in recognition of the significant contributions they have made in the field of parks and recreation. Mr. Coffman has served on the Recreation Advisory Committee for approximately ten years, been player agent for the Little League Baseball, and announced the Soap Box Derby Race, Fishing Derby, Little League All-Star games, and Veterans Brick Dedications.

Mayor Buttram commented that he and City Manager Moore had gone to Nashville on October 18, 2010 on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department to accept a check from the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for a Local Parks and Recreation Funds Grant (LPRF). He presented Mr. Fesmire with the check in the amount of \$150,000 to be used for the renovation of Market Park.

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“WALK WITH ME TENNESSEE” PRESENTATION

April Johnson the East Tennessee Consultant with the State of Tennessee Parks and Recreation Technical Advisory Service Department of Environment and Conservation presented the City with a “Walk with Me Tennessee” award for its efforts to promote walking throughout the city. Ms. Johnson noted that the City of Athens was one of the pilot cities working with her department to improve walkways throughout the state.

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING FOR I-75 EXIT 49 ROADSCAPES
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Mayor Buttram opened the meeting for comments or questions from the audience on the project. There were none presented.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Buttram acknowledged receipt of letter of appreciation for services performed by city staff members.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

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

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REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Brad Harris, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of September 2010. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

Mayor Buttram presented the Council with a Summary of Sidewalk Projects prepared by Mr. Harris that reflected the total cost of Phase I and Phase II, the amount reimbursed from grant funds, and the city net portion.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Chuck Ziegler presented the Police Department Report for the month of September 2010 and distributed a handout to each council member that included copies of letters from the former and present director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation regarding the Crime in Tennessee Reports, copies of the Crime in Tennessee Reports for the Athens Police Department from 2001 through 2009, and the Offense Statistics from 2000 to 2009. 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 September 2010. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Anthony Casteel, Community Development Director, presented the Quarterly Building Report for the period ending September 30, 2010. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Buttram 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.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1526 dated July 23, 2010) from Chilhowee Greenhouse for all Ball and Burlap Plants (70 plants) at a cost of \$2,555.00 and all Container Plants (648 plants) at a cost of \$11,287.00 for a total cost of \$13,842.00 for the library wetland project;
- b.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1526 dated July 23, 2010) from Mouse Creek Nursery for all Plants/Plugs (4,475 plants) at a cost of \$8,663.50 and for optional bid of plugs for seed plants (2,448 plugs) for a cost of \$2,252.16 for a total cost of \$10,915.66 for the library wetland project;
- c.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1526 dated July 23, 2010) from Ernst Conservation Seeds for all Seeds for a total cost of \$558.92 for the library wetland project;
- d.) Approve Authorizing Resolution No. 2010-25 for the financing of the construction of a water facilities project in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a new

23" water main to connect AUB's existing 12" main near Mayfield's to a point near the TDOT construction of Highway 30;

- e.) Approve Resolution No. 2010-26 authorizing the application and acceptance of funding for a grant to be used to assist farmers markets in advertising, promotion and for retail improvements at Market Park;
- f.) Approve Resolution No. 2010-27 authorizing the submission of an application to participate in Tennessee Downtowns, a downtown revitalization program.

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

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 comments, the report was accepted as presented.

Vice Mayor Perkinson invited everyone to Derby Downs on Friday, October 22, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. if they were interested in learning more about the issues facing the city and have any questions they may have about the city answered.

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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 7:01 p.m.

R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor

MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager