

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Buttram presiding. The invocation was given by Mayor Buttram; 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 October 19, 2010 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

The following official tabulation of the Athens City Election was presented by Mayor Buttram and is entered herein as a part of these Minutes:

*“We, the undersigned members of the McMinn County Election Commission, do hereby certify that we held a Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, in all of the voting precincts in the City of Athens, according to law, for the purpose of electing the two (2) offices shown hereinafter, and that we have canvassed the returns of said election as required by law, and we do hereby certify that the following four (4) pages of tabulation are a true, correct, and complete accounting of the results by precinct in said election as established by the canvassing of the returns, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.”*

McMinn County Commissioners of Election

/s/ Wylie Richardson, Chairman

/s/ Fred H. Frazier, Secretary

/s/ Bobby Carter, Member

/s/ Becky Riley, Member

/s/ Ray Simmons, Member

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL – (4 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR THREE (3)**

<b>Adolphus “Dick” Pelley</b>	<b>1496</b>
<b>William Bo Perkinson</b>	<b>1421</b>
<b>Hal Buttram</b>	<b>1362</b>
Steven S. Sherlin	1352
Connie Fain-Woodcock	1212
Jones Beene	<u>989</u>
Total Votes Cast	7832

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL – (2 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR ONE (1)**

**Shane Jackson**                      2164

Total Votes Cast                      2164

**ATHENS CITY SCHOOL BOARD – VOTE FOR THREE (3)**

**Amy Sullins**                              **2237**

**Chris Liner**                                **1862**

**Preston W. Brown**                      **1718**

Pasha Versa                                1684

Total Votes Cast                      7501

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**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The swearing in of the newly-elected council members (Buttram, Jackson, Pelley, and Perkinson) was conducted by City Attorney Chris Trew. Upon the seating of the new council, followed by roll call, the following members were in attendance:

Buttram, Davis, Jackson, Pelley, Perkinson

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**REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

The method of selecting the mayor is determined by the Charter of the City of Athens (Article V; Sections 1 & 11), whereby the councilmen at the first regular meeting after each biennial election shall elect from one of their number a mayor and vice mayor to serve for a term of two years.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

To begin the reorganization of the Council, City Attorney Trew announced that he would accept nominations for the election of mayor. Council Member Perkinson nominated Council Member Buttram to serve a two-year term as Mayor. Council Member Jackson nominated Council Member Pelley to serve a two-year term as Mayor. **A motion to elect Council Member Buttram as Mayor passed by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES:                      Buttram, Davis, Jackson, Perkinson**

**NAYS:                      Pelley**

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Upon request for nominations for the office of Vice Mayor, Council Member Davis nominated Council Member Perkinson to serve a two-year term. **A motion to elect Council Member Perkinson as Vice Mayor passed by the following roll call vote:**

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

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Buttram presented a list of committees that required council-represented appointments. The appointments listed below were unanimously approved by the following roll call votes:

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

<u>Name of Committee</u>	<u>Council Representative</u>
Athens Parks Foundation	Ann Davis
Athens Regional Planning Commission (Mayor’s designee)	Shane Jackson
Athens Regional Planning Commission	Dick Pelley
Athens Utilities Board	William Bo Perkinson
Board of Zoning Appeals	Dick Pelley
Historic Preservation Commission	Ann Davis
International Relations Committee	William Bo Perkinson
McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services	Ann Davis
McMinn County Economic Development Authority	Dick Pelley
McMinn County Senior Citizens	Ann Davis
SE TN Trade & Conference Board	Hal Buttram

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD

Council Member Davis presented the *Very Important Volunteer Individual Award* for the month of November 2010 to David Brown and Jan Burlson for their outstanding support of this community. Mr. Brown was present and accepted the award in Robert Tennyson’s honor. Mr. Tennyson had passed away that morning.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Buttram acknowledged receipt of letters 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 October 2010. After brief 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 October 2010. 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 October 2010. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Buttram advised that the following item was discussed during the recent work session and is presented as a part of the Consent Agenda. The recording clerk read the item into the record:

- a.) Accept bid (Bid No. 1527 dated October 19, 2010) from Insight Public Sector, Inc. for eight (8) ruggedized laptop computers with a three (3) year "Protection Plus" warranty at a cost of \$2,475.97 per machine for a total cost of \$19,807.76.

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

ACCESS CONTROL TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.

Mayor Buttram presented a proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to issue a quitclaim deed to Johnson Controls, Inc. City Attorney Trew explained to Council that the reason Johnson Controls requested a quitclaim deed for the .24 acre tract of land was to clear up any title issues prior to conveying property to MIG Enterprises, LLC. The proposed resolution would authorize the execution of a quitclaim deed without reservation of an easement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-28**

**“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. FOR A 0.24 ACRE TRACT OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS RESOLUTION.”**

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. 2010-28 as presented.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

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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 November and December. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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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 6:56 p.m.

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R. HAL BUTTRAM, Mayor

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MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager