

MINUTES OF MEETING, ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 18, 2006

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Proffitt presiding. The invocation was given by Mayor Proffitt; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Alvey, Myers, Pelley, Perkinson, Proffitt

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 held on March 21, 2006, were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

PRESENTATION OF VIVID AWARD

Vice Mayor Perkinson presented the *Very Important Volunteer Individual Award* for April 2006 to Mr. Shane Jenkins for his assistance in conducting a three-day class for the Athens Fire Department. This training resulted in an estimated savings of at least \$3,000 to the City of Athens.

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PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL STUDENT

Mayor Proffitt advised that Robert Stewart, a student at the Tennessee Technology Center At Athens, was recently selected as the *National Outstanding Technical Student* by the *American Technical Education Association*. Since the student was unable to attend the meeting due to a work related conflict, the presentation of this proclamation was postponed until next month.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Ms. Rita Brown, Human Resources Director, presented the “Employee of the Quarter” award for the period ending March 31, 2006. Mr. Donnie Guffey, Traffic Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department, was recognized for his 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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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Proffitt acknowledged receipt of correspondence expressing appreciation for services provided by the City of Athens.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

AUDIENCE

Mayor Proffitt 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. Mike Keith presented the Finance Department Report for the month of March 2006. 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 March 2006. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Bob Miller presented the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2006. After brief discussion and comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Harold Hunter, Community Development Director, presented the Building Permit Quarterly Report for the City of Athens. For the period ending March 31, 2006, he reported the issuance of 115 permits, with valuation costs estimated at \$3,615,378. After brief comments, the report was accepted as presented.

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 940 – SECOND/FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 914 ENTITLED ‘THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE,’ SO AS TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY ALONG LIONS PARK ROAD (AKA STERLING ROAD) FROM AG (AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT), SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.”

Upon the reading of the caption by the recording clerk, Mayor Proffitt opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 940. There being no one present wishing to discuss the Ordinance, Public Hearing was closed. Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Myers, to approve Ordinance No. 940 on Second and Final Reading, and upon roll call, Ordinance No. 940 was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Alvey, Myers, Pelley, Perkinson, Proffitt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATIONS

As discussed during recent work session, Mayor Proffitt presented the following resolutions authorizing submission of grant applications:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-10

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE FEMA HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM.”

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR SPAY/NEUTER GRANT FUNDS.”

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-12

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENERGY DIVISION FOR BIODIESEL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.”

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE GOVERNOR’S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM.”

Upon motion by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Vice Mayor Perkinson, Resolution Nos. 2006-10, 2006-11, 2006-12, and 2006-13 were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Alvey, Myers, Pelley, Perkinson, Proffitt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGE IN TN BASIC EDUCATION PLAN

The Athens City Board of Education, meeting in regular session on March 13, 2006, unanimously adopted a resolution in opposition to proposed changes to the Basic Education Plan as recommended by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Inter-governmental Relations. The following resolution confirms the City Council’s desire to join with the Athens City Board of Education in opposition to proposed funding changes to the Basic Education Plan:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-14

“A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ADOPTING A CHANGE IN THE TENNESSEE BASIC EDUCATION PLAN (BEP) BASED ON THE TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (TACIR) SUB COUNTY FISCAL CAPACITY MODEL.”

The caption of Resolution No. 2006-14 was read by the recording clerk. Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Alvey, to approve Resolution No. 2006-14. After discussion, the Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Alvey, Myers, Pelley, Perkinson, Proffitt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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SURPLUS PROPERTY – NON-REPAIRABLE DUMPSTERS

As discussed in recent work session, city staff recommended non-functional, damaged dumpsters be declared surplus and authorized for disposal as follows: 4 eight-yard capacities, 31 six-yard capacities, and 31 four-yard capacities. After brief discussion, motion was made by Council Member Myers, seconded by Vice Mayor Perkinson, to accept staff’s recommendation as provided in a memorandum dated March 13, 2006. Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Alvey, Myers, Pelley, Perkinson, Proffitt
NAYS: None

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MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Moore presented the Manager's Report. He reviewed progress of current city projects/meetings scheduled during the months of April and May. After additional discussion, 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 6:58 p.m.

JOHN M. PROFFITT, Mayor

MITCHELL B. MOORE, City Manager