



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 6:00pm

**Athens City Hall
Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – Regular Session
- B. Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – Special Called Session

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Athens City Primary School Report

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Athens City Schools FY 2026-27 Budget
- B. Approve Marketing, Branding, and Signage Design for the City and Authorize Trademark Protection for the City of Athens Logo.
- C. Approve Resolution 2026-16, a Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Apply for Funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Through the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Program for Improvements to the Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike Intersections and Adjoining Corridor.

IX. ORDINANCES

- A. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1151, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending Title 8, Chapter III (Beer), to Add “Craft Beer Restaurant” as a Classification of Beer Permit and Amending the Athens Zoning Ordinance to Add a Craft Beer Restaurant Land Use and to Permit Accessory On-Site Beer Manufacturing in Certain Business Districts Subject to Standards

- B. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1154, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City Of Athens, Tennessee, Section 4.03.03, Commercial Land Uses (Minimum), and Section 4.03.07, Commercial Land Uses (Maximum), to add Off-Street Parking Requirements for a Drive-Thru Oil Change Facility with Minor Auto Service Without Overnight Storage of Vehicles
- C. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1155, an Ordinance to Amend the Budget for the City of Athens, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proclaim Approval or Non-approval of Private Chapter No. 46, House Bill No. 2637 / Senate Bill No. 2699 Relative to the City of Athens Charter Provision Concerning Compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance 1152, an Ordinance to Amend Title 17, Chapter II, Sections 17-43 and 17-44 per the Athens City Code Relative to Refuse Collection and Disposal Service Charges and the Method of Collecting Service Charges.
- C. First Reading of Ordinance 1156, an Ordinance to Amend Title 9, Chapter V of the Athens City Code by deleting the existing Chapter V, “Wrecker and Towing Service,” in its Entirety and Replacing it with a New Chapter V, “Towing Services”; to Establish Regulations, permitting requirements, rotation procedures, insurance requirements, Fee Limitations, Recordkeeping Requirements, and enforcement procedures for towing services requested by the Athens Police Department.
- D. First Reading of an Ordinance 1157, an Ordinance to Amend ‘The Zoning Ordinance of The City of Athens, Tennessee, so as to Amend The Official Zoning Map to Rezone A 3-Acre Parcel Created from the 50-Acre Developed Parent Tract Shown as Tax Map 046 Parcel 049.00 Located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard From I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) To B-3 (Intensive Business District), Said Area Being Located Within The Corporate Limits of Athens, Tennessee.
- E. Proposal from Gresham Smith Engineers to Design and Prepare Construction Documents to Complete the Sidewalk Loop Around McMinn County High School
- F. Recreation Advisory Board Appointments for Three Expiring Terms
- G. First Reading of Ordinance 1158, an Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Set the Tax Rate on Taxable Property Located Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Athens, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027.

XII. REPORTS

- A. Finance Department Monthly Report
- B. Fire Department Monthly Report
- C. Police Department Monthly Report

XIII. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Program of Work

XIV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

XV. ADJOURNMENT