



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

The Athens City Council met in special called session on **Friday, July 31, 2026**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Athens City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Eaton presiding. Councilmember McCowan led the invocation. Vice Mayor Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

PRESENT: McCowan, Duggan, Sherlin, Curtis, Eaton

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all residents of Athens, Tennessee, and to all persons interested, that a special session of the Athens City Council will be held at Athens City Hall located at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026.

The purpose of this meeting is:

1. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a request from the Patriot Memorial Project for a proposed World War II – themed mural.

There will be an opportunity for citizens to comment. Prior to commencement of the meeting, all citizens intending to address the city council must sign in on the sheet located at the entrance of the council chambers.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at (423) 744-2702.

/s/ _____

Larry Eaton, Mayor

POSTED: 7/24/2026

CITIZENS COMMENTS

-None-

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a request from the Patriot Memorial Project for a proposed World War II- themed mural.

Councilmember Sherlin moved that the City of Athens donate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to be used specifically for painting of a mural on the wall, seconded by Councilmember McCowan.

Points raised during discussion included that citizens had expressed interest in having the wall covered for many years, the City had explored various options to address the wall, a nonprofit organization had arranged the project, and funding was available in the Hotel/Motel Tax budget. It was also noted that the City of Athens had previously contributed to two (2) other murals and that the proposed mural would honor World War II veterans while benefiting the city, its businesses, and citizens. It was further noted that the mural would honor McMinn County veterans while also improving the appearance of the area.

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PASSED

Roll call vote:

YEAS: McCowan, Sherlin, Curtis, Eaton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Duggan

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sherlin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember McCowan.

Roll call vote:

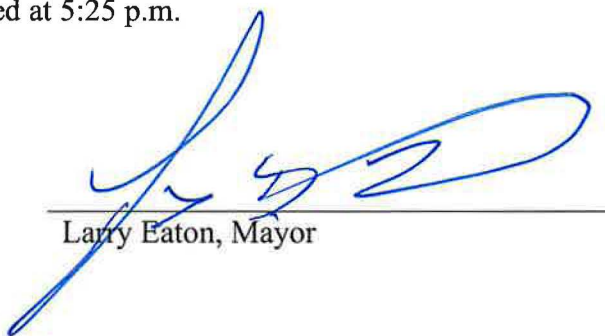
YEAS: McCowan, Duggan, Sherlin, Curtis

NAYS: Eaton

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Bridget Roberts, Interim City Manager



Larry Eaton, Mayor