



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

6:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION** - Councilmember Witt-McMahan
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. Presentation by Mayor Sherlin
 - Mitchell Moore
 - b. Proclamation
 - 200th anniversary Masonic Lodge Meridian Sun 50
- VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS**
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Approve the reduction of speed on Ingleside Avenue between the five-point intersection & EG Fisher Library (approx. .85 miles) and between EG Fisher Library & Highway 11 (approx. 2 miles).
 - b. Approve bid from Stansell Electric Co. Inc. for High Mast Preventative Maintenance & Repair
 - c. Approve bid from Stansell Electric Co. Inc. for Traffic Signals Maintenance & Repair
 - d. Approve Resolution 2024-22
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS' JAMES L. RICHARDSON "DRIVER TRAINING" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.
- IX. ORDINANCES**
 - a. **Public Hearing**
Second Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 1133
"AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CAMPING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE"

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Motion for minimum and maximum amount to be allowed per entity for the tourism funds request applications.**
 - Currently \$500 – \$10,000
- b. **Motion for a designated time to review submitted applications for tourism funds.**
 - Review as applications are submitted throughout the fiscal year.
 - Review every quarter of the fiscal year.
 - Set a deadline for all applications to be submitted.
 - Etc....
- c. **Motion for the allocation of FY '25 funds to each application or entity.**
(Hotel /Motel Tax Fund - \$75,000 available for FY '25 tourism derived projects)
 1. Athens Area Council for the Arts
 - House Blend Concert Series – requested \$10,000
 - Black Box Concert Series – requested \$10,000
 - Athens Community Theatre productions – requested \$10,000
 2. Friendly City Festivals
 - Moofest – requested \$5,000
 - Sounds of Summer – requested \$5,000
 - Pumpkintown – requested \$5,000
 3. Main Street Athens
 - Interactive Walking Tours & Activities – requested \$8,200
 4. McMinn County Living Heritage Museum
 - Programs & Advertising - requested \$10,000

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Motion to reallocate funds between Main Street Athens and LITE House**
(General Fund - \$50,000 approved for FY '25)
 - Main Street \$35,000 (original letter sent)
 - LITE House \$15,000 (original letter sent)
- b. **Motion concerning landowner request for annexation of property located on County Road 126 (Milton Road) by George Andrew Hodges**
- c. **Motion regarding the revisions to Tennessee Wesleyan University & City of Athens Lease Agreement**
- d. **Motion to update Decorum and Rules of Engagement to limit the time of citizens comments to three (3) minutes instead of five (5) minutes.**
- e. **Motion to amend, by ordinance, the meeting start time for Beer Board from 6:00pm (following the regular city council meeting) to 5:30pm (preceding the regular city council meeting).**
- f. **Motion to amend, by ordinance, the order of business of regular city council meetings by moving "Citizens Comments" from #7 to #13.**

XII. REPORTS

- a. Athens City Middle School
presented by **Principal, Mike Simmons**
- b. 3rd Quarter Building Report
presented by **Community Development Director, Anthony Casteel**
- c. Finance Department Monthly Report
presented by **Director of Finance, Mike Keith**
- d. Fire Department Monthly Report
presented by **Fire Chief, Brandon Ainsworth**
- e. Police Department Monthly Report
presented by **Police Chief, Fred Schultz**

XIII. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER
Randall Dowling

XIV. ADJOURNMENT