

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Butler, Crowl, Kotses, McGee, and Risner.

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, Auditor Hecht, and Law Director Eliason.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Risner moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held December 17, 2018; McGee seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Law Director Eliason presented her 2018 Annual Report (see attached).

Mayor Patterson reminded the public that holiday tree pickup is available through February 1<sup>st</sup>, and can be scheduled by calling the Office of Engineering and Public Works at 740-593-7636.

**ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:**

**0-152-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FLATSHEET SIGN REPLACEMENT ON U.S. STATE ROUTES 33 AND 50, AND STATE ROUTE 682; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-153-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ATHENS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fahl moved for Adoption; Kotses seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-155-18**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 15-08; TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

### **0-157-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **0-158-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. Discussion: Kotses questioned whether the Council may see more and more of these, and whether this is a better method.

Mayor Patterson responded that he is unaware of any other such co-ops on the horizon. There may be others in the future, but he would only bring forward those that would show a benefit to City operations.

Auditor pointed out that the co-ops approved by the City are beneficial in that they have been vetted as having met the City's competitive bidding process, which will require less bid documentation by the City and is a time savings.

## **ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:**

### **0-01-19**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO INCLUDE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:**

A reminder from President Knisely that it is every property owner's responsibility to remove snow from sidewalks adjoining their property. The snow must be removed within four hours after the snow has stopped.

Mayor Patterson noted that letters have been sent to the businesses on East State Street where new sidewalk was recently constructed, notifying them of their responsibility to remove the snow.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON LEGISLATIVE ITEMS AND CITY SERVICES NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA:**

Stephanie Hayes resides in the County but is an employee of Stewart-McDonald on the City's west side. She indicated that a public meeting was held last month by the West Side Neighborhood Association where the issue of lighting on West Washington Street was discussed. She asked if there are any plans at this time to address this matter.

Mayor Patterson responded that he has met with Bob Heady, the Director of Engineering and Public Works, about looking at the lighting in this area, and understands there is an opportunity to deploy additional lighting as is needed. Also discussed was the placement of trash receptacles which is not typically done in R-1 neighborhoods, but can be placed in high traffic areas.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Butler moved to Adjourn the meeting; McGee seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council