

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, Service-Safety Director Stone, Auditor Hecht, and Law Director Eliason.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held August 20, 2018 and the Special Session held August 27, 2018; Risner seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Knisely received the following request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

- New C1 and C2 liquor permit to Kindred Market, LLC, 284 East State Street. Responses must be postmarked no later than 9/28/2018.

Council Member Butler has received positive feedback on the extended hours for the pool.

Council Member Kotses received a letter from a concerned citizen about the removal of a tree in a Business Zone off Stimson.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson shared the following:

- Garbage and Recycling pickup will be delayed one day due to the Labor Day holiday.
- Receipt of a letter commending Fire Chief Rymer and his wife for their voluntary service while assisting a female who had fallen in a concrete parking area in Walnut Creek, Ohio. The Chief and his wife applied first aid and called 911.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-94-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATHENS AND HOCKING COLLEGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE. Butler moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-95-18

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

0-98-18

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ATHENS CITY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., AND THE CITY OF ATHENS POLICE AND LIEUTENANTS, CONCERNING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING:

0-97-18

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE STEWART MACDONALD BUILDING, LOCATED AT 21 NORTH SHAFER STREET, AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION. Discussion:

4. Ordinance for First Reading:

0-100-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RICHLAND BRIDGE OVER COATES RUN PROJECT (#321). Discussion: Kotses noted that the City received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$685,000 with the City's portion being approximately \$305,000. The bridge was built in 1935 and, currently, the load limit is at 65% of the Ohio legal load. Construction is scheduled for May 2019, with completion prior to return of students to the Ohio University campus for the Fall Semester. Also, one lane traffic will be maintained to lessen the impact on businesses and travelers in this area.

Risner asked if the design plans will be made available to the public.

Mayor responded, "Yes."

Risner questioned whether the decorative lighting is part of this project.

Service-Safety Director Stone responded that the lights along the street are staggered and there will be no need for further lighting, however, the period railing on Richland Avenue will be matched. Returning the bridge to the Ohio legal load, and removing the middle pier, that has contributed to flash flooding due to silt buildup and debris caught around that pier, will allow free flow and are the reasons for this project.

RESOLUTION FOR THIRD READING:

R-07-18

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES; AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ONE-READING RESOLUTION:

R-09-18

THE CITY OF ATHENS STRONGLY OPPOSES PROPOSED CHANGES IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TITLE X NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND DECLARES SUPPORT FOR ACCESS TO ALL LEGAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND RELATED COUNSELING. Grace moved for Adoption; Butler seconded. Discussion: Fahl fully supports this legislation; providing needed healthcare in our community is essential.

Mayor Patterson has also forwarded a letter to Senators Brown and Portman as well as Congressman Stivers requesting they work with us toward the best reproductive healthcare we can provide.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

President Knisely announced a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 17, to discuss a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission on the local historic designation of the Stewart McDonald Building located at 21 North Shafer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Fahl moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, and invited the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, Auditor, and Law Director to attend. Risner seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Butler, aye; Risner, aye; Crowl, aye; Fahl, aye; Kotses, aye; and Grace, aye.

At approximately 8:35 p.m., Fahl moved to come out of Executive Session; Grace seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Fahl then moved to adjourn the meeting; Kotses seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council