

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, 12:00 P.M.

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

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, Service-Safety Director Horan Moseley, Law Director Eliason, and **Deputy Auditor Kreider**.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session of City Council held November 21, 2016; Cochran seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member Kotses acknowledged that all Council Members received a letter from Rural Action regarding surplus money in the City's waste and recycling fund, and the City's consideration in reducing fees (see attached).

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Law Director Eliason announced that Prosecutor James Stanley will be leaving her staff in early January to serve as Meigs County Prosecutor, and in January, will be replaced by City Prosecutor Jessica Branner.

Mayor Patterson reported the following:

- Will be meeting with Erin Sykes, Zero Waste Program Director, Rural Action, to discuss the letter referred to earlier by Councilman Kotses.
- Has received letters from residents in the Dalton area near the structures formerly used as the Wayne National Forest Ranger Station (2 and 4 Dalton), and their concern with the future of that property. This will be a topic of discussion in tomorrow's Planning Commission meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-149-16

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE. Papai moved for Adoption; Cochran seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-150-16

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-151-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2017 STAFFING LEVELS AND NON-UNION COMPENSATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-152-16

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR NON-UNION PERSONNEL WITHIN THE CITY OF ATHENS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved to amend Section 2C, Overtime, last paragraph, to read as follows: Effective with the first pay period of ~~1996~~ **2017**, the Fire Captains shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of their normal work schedule on a one to one and one half ratio, but not less than three (3) hours per call-out, at the ~~2080~~ **A 2496** hourly overtime rate. Fahl seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-153-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 7, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 7.02, EQUIPMENT; LOADS, TO ADD SECTIONS FOR OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED, UTILITY VEHICLES, OR A MINI-TRUCK UPON ANY STREET OR HIGHWAY WITHIN THE CITY OF ATHENS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Papai moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved by a 5/1 vote, with McGee voting in opposition.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:

0-154-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to be effective as part of this year's budget; Papai seconded. Suspension was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., Fahl moved to adjourn; Cochran seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council