

MINUTES
October 28, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:00 P.M.

Council Members in Attendance: Sam Crowl
Chris Fahl
Peter Kotses
Patrick McGee
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: Acting Mayor Knisely
President Pro Tem Butler

Item Discussed:

- Commission on Disabilities
 - President Pro Tem – introduced David McNelly, Noah Trembly, and Carolyn Lewis who are present this evening to provide the Commission’s annual report to City Council (see attached report and handouts) – City Council recently met with students from Ohio University – one of the students shared concerns and challenges about being a student with a disability at the University – one of those challenges is with the Athens’ City Source App – Butler has contacted TGC Director Scott Thompson about possible changes to the app
 - Acting Mayor Knisely – mentioned the Athena Award as a very positive way to highlight the contributions of community members on behalf of people with disabilities

MINUTES: FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 28, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair
Kent Butler, Vice-Chair
Sam Crowl, Member
Peter Kotses, Member

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: Acting Mayor Knisely
Auditor Hecht
Engineering & Public Works Director Heady

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Water Labor Supervisor (staffing amend)
 - Risner – is in receipt of correspondence from the Administration requesting a promotion for a current employee into this position – a Water Maintenance Technician to a Water Labor Supervisor
 - Robert Heady, Director of Engineering & Public Works – this request is to promote Brian Dupler, currently on the water crew – this position was vacated in June – Mr. Dupler has over 10 years' experience, holds a Water Distribution License II that is required for the position, Sanitary Collection System License I, and will be working toward License II, which is also a requirement, in order to cover for the sanitary sewer supervisor, as well as backflow prevention certification – based on his qualifications he will be able to fill the “operator of position” for the EPA, his hire would eliminate the need to pay the Water Plant Manager (savings of \$4100) – request is to hire Mr. Dupler 40% into the pay range at (\$28.12) current salary is (\$23.22)– current budget can support this hire as this position has been vacant since June
 - Risner – what was the former employee's pay level
 - Heady -- \$30.87
 - Auditor – has no issues with this request – appreciates hiring from within
 - Risner – asked how many years' experience this employee has
 - Heady – 10 years, in his career, 4 or 5 years with the City – scored highest on the Civil Service exam from a group of 6 taking the exam – was unanimously recommended by the 3-member hiring committee, consisting of himself, Assistant Director of Public Works, and the water crew supervisor (a direct peer)

- Notes (WTP & WWTP Improvements)
 - Auditor – interest rate is 1.66% -- note payments due on December 6 – City owes \$220,000 on the WWTP, paying down \$50,000; and owes \$250,00 on the WTP, paying down \$100,000
- Appropriations/Transfers
 - Auditor – have received a FEMA grant for the Fire Department (\$42,955) – needed to be appropriated into the FEMA Fund – this is a reimbursement for purchase of an exhaust system – funds were initially appropriated to the Capital Improvements Fund, so she is requesting a transfer into Capital Improvements Fund, 580 – requests an appropriation of (\$20,000) to the Parking Garage Fund in the professional services line to cover year-end costs – Garbage Fund transfer of (\$1500) from the supplies line to the computer equipment line
 - Risner – asked if the computer is a replacement
 - Auditor – yes

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Compensation for Water Labor Supervisor
2. WTP & WWTP Notes
3. Appropriations/Transfers

MINUTES
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 28, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Chris Fahl, Chair
Jeff Risner, Vice-Chair
Patrick McGee, Member
Sarah Grace, Member

Administrators and/or

Other Elected Officials: Acting Mayor Knisely
Auditor Hecht

Items Discussed:

- On-Street Metered Parking
 - Grace – proposes to amend Athens City Code, Title 7, Section 7.05.22, Parking Rates – to add all accessible spaces to pay the low intensity zone rate of \$.50 – Section 7.05.25, Holiday and Evening Parking – requesting that the no charge for meters be moved from 8:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - McGee – applauds the change to 7:00 p.m., but prefers it be returned to the 6:00 p.m. time – also, he recalls uptown employee parking being an issue – at the time the Mayor suggested that there may be some concessions, possibly a pass or a reduced rate, given to employees to park in the City Parking Garage
 - Grace – added, the Mayor lends his support to the change to 7:00 p.m. – also, she knows the Mayor supports working out an agreement with the Uptown businesses to accommodate their employees in the City Parking Garage
 - Acting Mayor – moving the time to 7:00 p.m. is a good compromise
 - Beth Clodfelter, South Shannon – moving the time to 7:00 p.m. will allow people to go to a 5:00 movie or a 6:00 dinner without worrying about getting a ticket before they get back – hopes this is approved
 - Judy Roman, Northwood Drive – would like to see the time moved to 6:00 p.m. – even to come to a 7:00 p.m. public meeting in the City Building, you would still have to pay to park
 - Rob Delach, Morris Avenue – commends both of the proposed changes

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1. Metered Parking