

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Micah McCarey, Chair
Sarah Grace, Member
Sam Crowl, Member
Alan Swank, Member

Administrators and
Other Elected Officials:

President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Stone
Fire Chief Rymer

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Athens City Code, Title 9, General Regulations, Chapter 9.05, Fire Control; Petroleum Liquids (amend Section 9.05.99, Penalties)
 - Chief Rymer – (see attached changes highlighted in red) – penalties are outdated for interference with a fire scene, and following the lawful order of a safety official – explained that there is an issue with over-occupancy inspections of bars – compliance is crucial for safety – warnings are being issued – this change will make the penalty more punitive – compliance is paramount – overcrowding occurs often, (4) this past weekend and (2) the weekend before – all have been issued a lawful order as a warning
 - Mayor – asked about repeat headcounts in the same night
 - Chief – at least twice a night, sometimes more if it is a contentious bar – last weekend the first head count was over 35 and manager was told to reduce the number, inspector returned and the second time the count was 39 over
 - Swank – asked if occupancy is posted in each establishment
 - Chief – yes – the number is issued by the State Building Code
 - Swank – asked about firefighter staffing on any given weekend night
 - Chief – minimum staffing of (4), however (2-4) additional firefighters come in on overtime to ensure safety for patrons – would like ability to suspend liquor license
 - Swank – asked about procedure for suspending a liquor license
 - Chief – would like to see if this penalty change will make a difference – believes City Council can make a request for a license suspension at the time the permits are renewed
 - Mayor – will check protocol with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control

- McCarey – asked about any other measures to address enforcement
- Chief – it is not financially feasible for fire staff to continually check bars for overcrowding, simply need cooperation of businesses – again, this is a safety issue; it is not monetary – this is compliance with State law for the safety of patrons
- Spjeldnes – supports the amended language – need progressive consequences
- McCarey – after increasing the penalty, asked about data that would be used for review as to whether this change is working
- Chief – will review number of repeat offenses and actual punishment of citations going through the Court system
- Spjeldnes – suggested reviewing the penalties in like communities
- Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (Task Force #22-09, MOU & Addendum)
 - McCarey – this is a memorandum of agreement for an Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Task Force – such collaborations strengthen and broaden our reach when it comes to the City’s ability to gather information and collaborate against crimes – this particular Task Force will handle violations such as murder, corrupt activity, money laundering, trafficking in drugs, human trafficking, kidnapping, assaults, and aggravated felonies
 - Service-Safety Director – requested authority to assign a police officer to this task force that is specific to Southeast Ohio counties that include Athens, Monroe, Morgan, Meigs, Noble and Washington
 - Swank – asked if these districts are pre-assigned
 - S-S Director – participating entities is a function of the senior public safety official in each jurisdiction

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Title 9
2. Task Force #22-09

Bold is the new section and I struck out the old:

9.05.99. – Penalties.

(A) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of Sections 9.05.01 through 9.05.05, 9.05.07, and 9.05.09, 9.05.11, 9.05.13, and 9.05.14 of the Athens City Code shall severally, for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be **deemed** guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor, **punishable by not more than 30 days in jail and a fine of not more than \$250.00.** as defined in Sections 2929.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) Any person who shall violate Section 9.05.08 of the Athens City Code, on a first offense, shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$150.00; a second offense within a two-year period shall be deemed a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, punishable by not more than 30 days in jail and a fine of not more than \$250.00; a third offense within a two year period shall be deemed a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by not more than sixty days in jail and a fine of not more than \$500.00; and a fourth offense within a two-year period shall be deemed a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by not more than 90 days in jail and a fine of not more than \$750.00. Each calendar day such violation continues shall constitute a separate and complete offense.

~~(B)~~(C) Whoever is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of 9.05.06 9.05.12 and 9.05.15 through 9.05.22 herein shall be **deemed** guilty of a minor misdemeanor ~~as defined in Section 2929.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.~~, **and fined not more than \$150.00.**

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Sam Crowl
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Solveig Spjeldnes
Alan Swank
Ben Ziff

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Items Discussed:

- 2024 Fee Increases
 - S-S Director – as requested by City Council, see attached increases that would go into effect January 1, 2024 highlighted in yellow – provided a brief overview – noted that solid waste increases will be discussed at a later date
 - Swank – for ease of discussion, suggested breaking out into administrative fees (affecting the fewest number of people), meter parking rates, and sewer increases (affecting the most people) – thinks there are some fee increases that may outweigh the good and would like to break them out into three ordinances as indicated – he would have a difficult time voting for just one ordinance that includes all fees
 - Grace – believes being all of the same topic, each category can be discussed in one ordinance, and amendments can be offered to change any of the fees within the ordinance
 - Spjeldnes – shared concerns about fee increases not being addressed such as re-inspection fees and offenses (see attached) – questioned the garbage/rubbish and sanitation violation rates, and who is cited
 - President – the sanitation violations are predominately at student rentals for repeat offenses
 - Grace – indicated that often times, warnings are issued first

-Spjeldnes – fears that the water rate turnoffs may impact low-income residents
-Mayor – these penalties do not single out any income level

-Spjeldnes – suggested increasing the fire re-inspection fees and adding fees for larger buildings, those over 10 thousand square feet, to help pay for a building inspector – does not find such an increase unreasonable

-Mayor – agrees with an escalation fee, but City should maybe consider restructuring from a fee to a fine

-Crowl – asked about any ultimate penalty allowed by the State when this becomes a safety violation

-Chief – State Fire Marshal's initial fee is \$200 with an increasing schedule – can penalize up to \$1000 per day for noncompliance – if no compliance on City inspection it will be directed to the Prosecutor's Office, or it can be turned over to State Fire Marshall – if immediate safety issue, can force closure of the business

-Spjeldnes – if re-inspections are needed, would prefer the City increase the fee and receive the payment rather than those funds going to the State

-Spjeldnes – asked what defines a rooming house

-S-S Director – fraternities and sororities

-Spjeldnes – questioned charging more for those apartments with individual leases per bedroom

-President – suggested clarification from the Code Director

-S-S Director – permit fees must be associated with the cost incurred by City staff to regulate that activity, noting there is a distinction between significant multi-unit buildings vs an individual house

-Mayor – clarified that a multi-unit apartment complex does not distinguish number of bedrooms

-Spjeldnes – feels this needs to be taken into consideration and would like the Code Enforcement Office to look at a more complex fee structure depending upon the number of bedrooms

-Spjeldnes – questioned the low rental re-inspection fee of \$40 – this should also merit an escalation in the fee for subsequent inspections – argued strongly for a robust effort to ensure rental code violations are corrected

-Grace – agrees it is important to look at chronic issues that are not in compliance

-Swank – asked about parking fees – City will see an increase in revenue when the automated system is installed – would like to wait until that is in place before raising these costs – may not need additional money – warrants a wait and see attitude – questioned the sewer rate increase (see attached history) – 2018-2024, a six-year period, sewer rates have doubled plus another 12% -- during that period of time, the cumulative rate of inflation is only 18.96% -- he cannot with a clear conscience vote yea on something that takes money out of peoples' pockets who are already hurting

- Grace – requested the Administration provide City Council with a list of sewer system improvements that have been completed since 2010 – this sewer increase is not simply the cost for maintaining existing systems, but to cover system improvements (debt payments), providing better efficiency, more environmentally sustainable processes, etc., which are all relevant to the discussion of fees
- Mayor – can provide the list

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. 2024 Fees

Fee Change List

Section	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Notes	
3.10.04	Alarm Activation and Fees	\$ 50.00		Each false alarm	
3.10.04	Alarm Activation and Fees	\$ 200.00		After 3 false alarms in a calendar year	
3.10.04	Alarm Activation and Fees	\$ 500.00		After 6 false alarms in a calendar year	
3.10.04	Alarm Activation and Fees	\$ 500.00		Alarm systems that are disconnected pursuant to 3.10.04(B)	Added in 2022
5.01.01	Taps; connections to sanitary sotrm sewer; waterlines	\$0.10		Per Square Foot for every 2,500 square feet	
5.01.03	Water service connection rates	\$ 1,300.00		plus labor and costs for new taps/connections	
5.02.03(D)	Citation for garbage/rubbish	\$ 50.00		First Offense	
5.02.03(D)	Citation for garbage/rubbish	\$ 75.00		Second Offense	
5.02.03(D)	Citation for garbage/rubbish	\$ 100.00		Third Offense	
5.02.03(D)	Citation for garbage/rubbish	\$ 125.00		Fourth Offense	
5.02.03(D)	Citation for garbage/rubbish	\$ 150.00		Fifth Offense	
5.03.04	Water Rates	\$ 35.00		Transfer/Turn On Charge	
5.03.04	Water Rates	\$ 15.00		Red Tag Fee	
5.03.04	Water Rates	\$ 40.00		Delinquency turn-on penalty	
5.03.04	Water Rates	\$ 33.00		Non-sufficient funds charge	
5.03.04	Water Rates	\$ 50.00		After hours turn off	
5.03.04	Water Rates	\$ 50.00		After hours turn on	Added in 2022
5.04.05	Wastewater Dischargers	\$ 0.065	\$ 0.075	Per gallon of hauled septage	
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 5.89	\$ 6.00	Residential Rate	2%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 6.66	\$ 6.79	Commercial Rate	2%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 7.34	\$ 7.49	Industrial Rate	2%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 30.13	\$ 31.34	0-15 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 52.10	\$ 54.18	16-50 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 133.87	\$ 139.22	51-100 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 219.63	\$ 224.42	101-200 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 414.85	\$ 431.44	201-500 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 853.60	\$ 887.74	501-1000 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 1,506.78	\$ 1,567.05	1001-2500 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 1,859.54	\$ 1,933.92	2501-5000 thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 2,385.19	\$ 2,480.60	5000+ thousand gallons base rate	4%
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 3.00		Residential Stormwater service charge (increased in 2021)	
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 6.00		Commercial Stormwater service charge (increased in 2021)	
5.04.08	Sewer Rates	\$ 6.00		Industrial Stormwater service charge (increased in 2021)	
5.04.09	Sewer Connections	\$ 3,000.00		EPA residential unit plus labor & costs of installation of new sanitary sewer	
5.06.03	Yard Waste	\$ 2.00		Bags/Bundles of yard waste (increased in 2022)	
5.07.06	Construction Activities	\$ 50.00		Developments of less than one acre plan submittal	
5.07.06	Construction Activities	\$ 150.00		Developments of one, but less than five acres	
5.07.06	Construction Activities	\$ 200.00		Developments of five or more acres	
7.04.40	Processions and parades	\$ 200.00		Per officer, per event	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections New Construction	\$ 100.00		Final Inspection	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections New Construction	\$ 50.00		Re-inspection	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections New Construction	\$ 50.00		Sprinkler hydrostatic	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections New Construction	\$ 50.00		Underground hydro	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections New Construction	\$ 50.00		Fire Alarm	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ 50.00		Initial annual visit for building under 10,000 sq ft.	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ 150.00		Initial annual visit for building over 10,000 sq. ft.	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ -		1st reinspection after initial visit	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ 25.00		2nd reinspection after initial visit	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ 50.00		3rd reinspection after initial visit	
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ 50.00		Each subsequent reinspection after 3rd reinspection increases by \$50.00 each time (was originally \$25.00 but also was only included under the 3rd inspection description)	Revised and added in 2022
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$ 50.00		Opening Burning Permit Inspection.	Added in 2022
9.02.06	Fire Inspections Safety	\$25.00		Mobile Vendor Inspection.	Added in 2022
9.12.03	Opening Permit Required	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	Opening Permit into ROW	
9.12.11	Permit for work Required	\$ 10.00		Sidewalk Permit for constructing or repairing sidewalks	
11.04.06	Vendor's Licenses	\$ 200.00		Per Month Vendor Fee	Updated in 2022
11.04.06	Specialty Vendor's Licenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	Vendors who have personally manufactured or produced art products for sale to the public	NEW FEE
11.07.05	License Fee, solicitors or peddlers	\$ 25.00		Per month solicitor or peddler	
11.07.05	License Fee, solicitors or peddlers	\$ 25.00		Per month, employees of licensed solicitor or peddler	
11.08.02	Taxicab; business license	\$ 50.00		Per vehicle license	

11.10.04	Annual Fee Contractor	\$ 100.00		Contractor Registration Fee
11.12.03	Shared Transportation	\$ 150.00		Application fee + \$10.00 per fleet vehicle
11.12.03	Shared Transportation	\$ 10,000.00		Permit Fee, + \$10.00 per vehicle
11.12.03	Shared Transportation	\$ 2,500.00		Permit Renewal Fee + \$10.00 per fleet vehicle
11.12.03	Shared Transportation	\$ 40.00		Public Infrastructure & property maintenance fee per year
11.12.03	Shared Transportation	FREE		Free Operators are exempt
13.07.07	Citation for littering violation	\$ 50.00		First Offense
13.07.07	Citation for littering violation	\$ 75.00		Second Offense
13.07.07	Citation for littering violation	\$ 100.00		Third Offense
13.07.07	Citation for littering violation	\$ 125.00		Fourth Offense
13.07.07	Citation for littering violation	\$ 150.00		Fifth Offense
21.02.08	Fees Lot Splits	\$ 100.00		Minor Lot Split
21.03	Application Subdivision	\$ 600.00		Subdivision Preliminary + \$30.00 per lot
21.03	Application Subdivision	\$ 600.00		Subdivision Final + \$30.00 per lot
21.03	Application Subdivision	\$ 600.00		Planned Unit Developments Preliminary + \$30.00 per unit
21.03	Application Subdivision	\$ 600.00		Planned Unit Developments Final + \$30.00 per unit
21.03.21	Final Plat Amendments	\$ 80.00		Final Plat Amendments (subdivision)
23.03.13(M)	Sign application and permit	\$ 100.00		Sign permit - permanent
23.03.13(M)	Sign application and permit	\$ 50.00		Sign permit - temporary
23.03.13(U)	Penalty	\$ 100.00		Minor misdemeanor (\$100 per occurrence; each day)
23.06.02(E)	Excavating Permit	\$ 70.00		Excavating Permit
23.06.02(H)	Fees	\$ 80.00		Application fee
23.06.02(H)	Fees	\$ 100.00		Use permit
23.06.02(H)	Fees	\$ 150.00	plus \$0.10 per sq ft	New construction permit plus \$0.03 per square foot of gross floor area
23.06.02(H)	Fees	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	Alteration permit plus \$1.50 per thousand dollars of improvement of portion thereof
23.06.02(H)	Fees	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	Accessory structure permit
23.07.08(D)(4)	Application and standards for variances	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	Zoning board variance request + advertising costs
23.08.01	Off street parking	\$ 30.00		May be paid within the first five days following the time of citation
23.08.01	Off street parking	\$ 40.00		Paid after the first five days following the time of citation
23.09.04(K)	Zoning map amendment	\$ 200.00		Zoning map amendment
23.09.05(E)	Zoning text amendment	\$ 100.00		Zoning text amendment
25.03.04(F)	Floodplain land permit	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00	Floodplain land permit application
27.03.04	Plan content	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	Less than one acre
27.03.04	Plan content	\$ 60.00	\$ 150.00	1-5 acres
27.03.04	Plan content	\$ 105.00	\$ 200.00	Greater than 5 acres
29.02.03(E)	Inspection fee for ungrounded complaint	\$ 25.00		Ungrounded complaint
29.02.03(F)	Failure to appear for scheduled inspection	\$ 25.00		Failure to appear for a scheduled inspection (per unit)
29.03.07	Expirations, renewals, and transfers	\$ 50.00		flat fee for each dwelling/rooming house, or short term rental, permit fee unpaid on March 1
29.03.07	Expirations, renewals, and transfers	\$ 30.00		flat fee for rental permit transfer of ownership
29.03.08	Rental Permit fee	\$ 150.00		per unit for up to 10 units in one building
29.03.08	Rental Permit fee	\$ 100.00		per housekeeping unit or owner-occupied unit keeping renters
29.03.08	Rental Permit fee	\$ 75.00		per unit for over 10 units in one building
29.03.08	Rental Permit fee	\$ 100.00		per unit for over 10 units in more than one building at one location
29.03.08.1	Rental Permit fee	\$ 40.00		per bedroom for rooming houses, or short-term rentals
29.03.08.1	Occupancy permit	\$ 5.00		for additional or replacement forms
29.03.10(A)	Reinstatement fee	\$ 100.00		reinstatement fee
29.03.10(B)	Additional Inspection Fee	\$ 40.00		Inspection fee for additional inspections
29.06.04	Demolition fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	If equal to or greater than 576 sq. ft.
29.06.04	Demolition fee	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	If less than 576 sq. ft.
29.08.05	Appeals fee	\$ 25.00		appeals fee
29.10.02	Dwelling unit, or short term rental inspection	\$ 110.00		Revise description to: OPTIONAL DWELLING UNIT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE
29.10.02	Report on dwelling unit, or short term rental inspection fee	\$ 35.00		per hour fee. Revise description to: OPTIONAL DWELLING UNIT INSPECTION REPORT
29.12.02	Citation for Sanitary Violation	\$ 50.00		First Offense
29.12.02	Citation for Sanitary Violation	\$ 75.00		Second Offense
29.12.02	Citation for Sanitary Violation	\$ 100.00		Third Offense
29.12.02	Citation for Sanitary Violation	\$ 125.00		Fourth Offense
29.12.02	Citation for Sanitary Violation	\$ 150.00		Fifth Offense
29.34.04	Citation for Solid Waste Disposal Violation	\$ 50.00		First Offense

Updated in 2022

Change the per foot amount

Updated language in 2022

Updated in 2022

29.34.04	Citation for Solid Waste Disposal Violation	\$ 75.00		Second Offense
29.34.04	Citation for Solid Waste Disposal Violation	\$ 100.00		Third Offense
29.34.04	Citation for Solid Waste Disposal Violation	\$ 125.00		Fourth Offense
29.34.04	Citation for Solid Waste Disposal Violation	\$ 150.00		Fifth Offense
37.02.02(A)	Tree Bank	\$ 225.00		Off-site mitigation fee per tree
37.02.03(B)	Celebration Tree Program	\$ 400.00		Application Fee
37.02.04	Native and Pollinator - Friendly Program	\$ 25.00		Registration Fee
41.04(B)	Procedure for Approval	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	Application Fee
43.19	Application Fee for a Special Use Permit	\$ 5,000.00		New tower
43.19	Application Fee for a Special Use Permit	\$ 2,500.00		Modification or co-locating
45.07(B)(1)	Historic preservation design review application	\$ 70.00		Historic perservation design review application
49.03.01	Spelcal right-of-way permit application fee	\$ 50.00		Special right-of-way permit application fee
49.03.02	Certificate of registration application	\$ 50.00		Certificate of registration application registration certificate
49.03.02	Micro-wireless cell tower permit	\$ 75.00		Micro-wireless cell tower permit (was not listed in Title 1 previously)
49.07.04	Right of way construction permit	\$ 50.00		Flat constrution permit

Updated in 2022

Updated and moved to title 1 in 2022

7.05.22(A)(1)	High Intensity Zones	\$1.00/hr, \$0.25/15 min	\$1.25/hr, \$0.25/10 min	Needs to be moved to Title 1. 7.05.22(A) should state that parking rates are found in Title 1
7.05.22(A)(2)	Moderate Intensity Zones	\$0.75/hr, \$0.25/20 min	\$1.00/hr, \$0.25/15 min	Needs to be moved to Title 1. 7.05.22(A) should state that parking rates are found in Title 1
7.05.22(A)(3)	Low Intensity Zones	\$0.50/hr, \$0.25/30 min	\$0.75/hr, \$0.25/20 min	Needs to be moved to Title 1. 7.05.22(A) should state that parking rates are found in Title 1
7.05.22(A)(4)	Single Space 20 mintue	\$0.50/20 min, \$0.25/10 min	\$0.75/20 min, \$0.40/10 min	Needs to be moved to Title 1. 7.05.22(A) should state that parking rates are found in Title 1
7.05.22(A)(5)	Contractor Bags	\$ 8.00	\$ -	Needs to be moved to Title 1. 7.05.22(A) should state that parking rates are found in Title 1
7.05.26(B)(1)	Parking Garage Rate	\$0.75/hr, \$0.25/20min	\$1.00/hr, \$0.25/15 min	Needs to be move to Title 1. 7.05.26(B) should state that rates are found in Title 1
7.05.26(B)(2)	Parking Garage Card System Rate	\$0.75/hr	\$1.00/hr	Needs to be move to Title 1. 7.05.26(B) should state that rates are found in Title 1
7.05.26(B)(3)	Parking Garage Reserved Spaces	\$150/month	\$ -	Needs to be move to Title 1. 7.05.26(B) should state that rates are found in Title 1
7.05.26(B)(4)	Parking Garage Non-Reserved Spaces	\$125/month	\$ -	Needs to be move to Title 1. 7.05.26(B) should state that rates are found in Title 1
7.05.26(B)(5)	Non-Reserved Written Agreements	\$100/space	\$ -	Needs to be move to Title 1. 7.05.26(B) should state that rates are found in Title 1
7.05.26(D)				REMOVE 7.05.26(D) from Code of Ordinances

Historic Sewer Rate Information

Category	Est. No. of Users	2018 Base Rate	2019 Base Rate (9/1/18)	2020 Base Rate	2021 Base Rate	2022 Base Rate	2023 Base Rate	2024 Base Rate
<15	4833	\$ 14.81	\$24.81	\$ 26.79	\$ 28.40	\$ 29.25	\$ 30.13	\$ 31.34
15+	190	\$ 29.90	\$42.90	\$ 46.33	\$ 49.11	\$ 50.58	\$ 52.10	\$ 54.18
50+	47	\$ 82.22	\$110.22	\$ 119.04	\$ 126.18	\$ 129.97	\$ 133.87	\$ 139.22
100+	31	\$ 135.83	\$180.83	\$ 195.30	\$ 207.02	\$ 213.23	\$ 219.63	\$ 228.42
200+	19	\$ 256.58	\$341.58	\$ 368.91	\$ 391.04	\$ 402.77	\$ 414.85	\$ 431.44
500+	6	\$ 527.83	\$702.83	\$ 759.06	\$ 806.60	\$ 830.80	\$ 853.62	\$ 887.76
1000 - 2500	1	\$ 1,055.64	\$1,240.64	\$ 1,339.89	\$ 1,420.28	\$ 1,462.89	\$ 1,506.78	\$ 1,567.05
5000+	1	\$ 1,758.90	\$1,963.90	\$ 2,121.01	\$ 2,248.27	\$ 2,315.72	\$ 2,385.19	\$ 2,480.60
67.52% increase 7.39% increase 6% increase 3% increase 3% increase 4% increase								

Loan Information

#3873	Final payment has been made and closed ~\$182,000 not needed to pay this annually now
#6426	Final payment is 7/1/2035 - 2 pays per year of \$523,140.39 each (\$1,046,280.78)
Solids Construction	First payment began 1/1/2023 - 2 pays per year of \$51,666.67 each (\$103,333.34)
Regionalization	First payment to begin on 1/1/2024 - 2 pays per year of \$283,333.33 (\$566,666.66)

Annual Loan Payment est.	\$858,140.39 Increase of \$191,258.79
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Reinspection Fees Comparison & Questions

Garbage/rubbish offense rates – leaving trash around property

1st offense \$50

2nd offense \$75

3rd offense \$100

4th offense \$125

5th offense \$150

Citation for Sanitation Violations (litter and mess) AND for Solid Waste Violations (not using waste receptacles).

1st offense \$50

2nd offense \$75

3rd offense \$100

4th offense \$125

5th offense \$150

Water rate – What supports exist to prevent turnoff? Crisis situation!

Delinquency turn-on penalty \$40

Nonsufficient funds charge \$33

After hours turn *off or on* \$50

Fire Inspections Safety –

Initial fee is based on size of building < 10K & over >10K – But reinspection fee is not. Why not? Average \$45 per visit. To pay for a building inspector, we need about \$110K for total compensation.

1st reinspection fee - \$0

2nd reinspection fee - \$25

Over 10K - \$50

3rd reinspection fee - \$50

Over 10K - \$100

Specially vendor's license - Why a fee for artists?

Additional reinspection fee – Each subsequent reinspection fee after third increases by \$50. **Each subsequent reinspection fee \$200.** We need a full-time inspector so we need the funds. Chief Rymer personally does inspections.

Rental permit fee

Rental permit fee - \$40 per bedroom for rooming houses, or short-term rentals.

Rental permit fee – \$150 per unit up to 10 units in one building (**How is that defined**).

Rental permit fee – \$100 per housekeeping unit or owner-occupied unit keeping renters.

Rental permit fee - \$75 per unit for MORE than 10 units in one building.

RENTAL inspection Fees – What is the total compensation cost to do inspections?

Inspection fee for additional inspections \$40. How is this fair?

Short Term rental inspection fee - \$35 per hour (Optional dwelling unit inspection report.)

Wilmington, OH – A statutory City

Approximately 90 percent of code enforcement cases are resolved by the property owner/responsible party following formal notification of the violations. When voluntary compliance is not obtained however, the city will pursue criminal charges until the violations have been resolved.

Sanitary Violation - All exterior property areas and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage including broken trash bags, loose garbage, overflowing containers or an accumulation of excessive waste in a trash storage area.

Solid Waste – Garbage receptacle - Every occupant of a structure or part thereof shall dispose of all **solid waste** in a clean, safe, and sanitary manner by placing it in containers.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Sam Crawl, Chair
Jeff Risner, Member
Solveig Spjeldnes, Member
Ben Ziff, Member

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials:

President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Stone

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Athens County Library (Imagination Library)
 - Director Nick Tepe (see attached presentation) – requested an increase to \$8400 to cover the 2023 cost for Athens City children, up from \$6000 in 2022
 - Risner – asked if this cost includes postage
 - Tepe – it does
 - Swank – suggested approving a 3-year commitment
 - Ziff – questioned how a cost increase would then be handled
 - Mayor – would prefer a 2-year agreement at \$8400 – adding, social return on investment is calculable and, in his opinion, significant – this is an amazing program
 - Crawl – agrees with moving to a two-year cycle
- Appropriations
 - (\$2,500) to Cemetery Fund, 210.115, services line, to replace a privately purchased granite bench that was damaged by City staff
 - decrease (\$500) Storm Water Environmental Coordinator Fund, 755.637, capital line
 - increase (\$500) Storm Water Environmental Coordinator Fund, 755.637, for safety supplies
 - (\$200,000) to APR Fund, transfer line
 - Crawl – necessary to cover Recreation payroll – Auditor requests suspension
 - Swank – asked about specifics
 - S-S Director – recreation is a complicated and razor thin operation – City saw increased pool revenue, but had considerable expenses as well – these funds will be used for wages, utilities, repairs, etc. – cash flow is an issue
 - Mayor – worth noting that City Council increased wages for part-time staff – need to continue to be cognizant of this annual hourly increase

- Interfund Transfer
 - (\$200,000) from APR Income Tax Fund to Recreation Fund

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

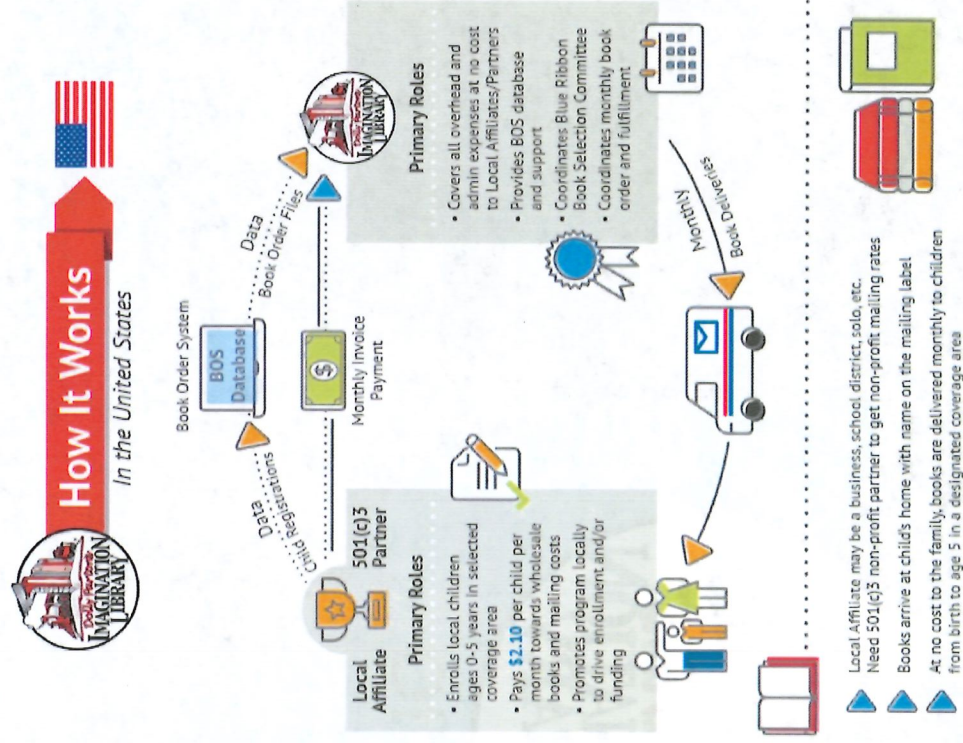
1. Appropriations/Interfund Transfer



OHIO

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

- Started 1995
- Free high-quality, age-appropriate book mailed monthly to children 0-5
- DPI covers overhead costs and book selection.
- Local affiliate pays ~\$2.10 per child per month.





DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF OHIO

- Mike and Fran DeWine wanted every county in Ohio to be able to participate
- Starting with 2019-21 State budget, any county in Ohio that joined DPIL would only have to pay half the costs.
- Athens County started operations in January 2020
- Athens County Foundation 501 c3 partner
- Athens County Public Libraries local affiliate
- Donations received from Athens County Foundation, OhioHealth (\$2500 per year for 5 years), Athens County Public Libraries, Athens Rotary Foundation, Child Conservation League, Athens City Schools, local donors.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN ATHENS COUNTY

- 1700 Children currently enrolled out of estimated 2652 eligible children
- 18324 books mailed in 2022
- 2022 total cost: \$38352.08
- 2022 total paid by local donations: \$13145.34 (two months covered by State)
- Current donations in 2023: \$6000 (two months covered by State)

	TEP	Enrolled 2022	Enrolled 2023	%
Glouster/Trimble	209	149	176	84.21%
Millfield/Chauncey/Dover	99	84	92	92.93%
Nelsonville/York	505	201	261	51.68%
New Marshfield/Waterloo	41	26	40	97.56%
Albany/Lee/Alexander	202	133	144	71.29%
Athens/The Plains/Canaan	1105	655	762	68.96%
Ames/Bern	95	21	19	20.00%
Shade/Lodi/Carthage	188	50	70	37.23%
Stewart/Rome	45	27	32	71.11%
Coolville/Troy	163	97	104	63.80%
TOTAL	2652	1443	1700	64.10%



IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN ATHENS CITY

- Currently 635 children (up from 516 in 2022) enrolled in 45701 zip code
- Review showed 336 Athens city addresses (up from 240 in 2022).
- Cost of ~\$700 per month for Athens city children.
- In 2022 Athens city gave \$6000 to support the Imagination Library Fund at the Athens County Foundation.
- Cost for Athens City children in 2023 will be ~\$8400.

MINUTES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Sarah Grace, Chair
Sam Crawl, Vice-Chair
Micah McCarey, Member
Solveig Spjeldnes, Member

Administrators and/or Other Elected Officials:

President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Stone

Items Discussed:

- Homestead Court and Broadmoor Planned Unit Development (University Estates)
 - President – understands that this development will not be occurring
 - Grace – developer has decided not to proceed – costs have increased and it is no longer financially feasible for the developer, even with the TIF offset – the Planning Commission would like to move forward with approving the plan in hopes that through some means this development may proceed in some form – seems reasonable for Council to approve this PUD, as much of the ground work has been completed
 - Spjeldnes – asked about a recent meeting with the developer
 - Mayor – the meeting was for the developer to advise the Administration of concerns regarding high interest rates, increased material costs and the re-evaluated engineer's estimate for the cul-de-sac – this project has been in the planning stages since 2018 – today, the TIF would not even cover the interest for the infrastructure portion of this project
 - Crawl – curious as to whether the lack of financial feasibility of this project is tied to some of the restrictions for the development – questioned best way to move forward
 - S-S Director – the development is tied to restrictions that were established, as well as others tied to the market – right now the construction industry is saturated with a tremendous amount of federal money – even the construction of Intel is consuming skilled labor in the State of Ohio – there is a tremendous demand for materials and labor at this time – currently, this type of housing is just not feasible
 - Risner – seems open-ended – is hesitant about voting for something that the developer has indicated cannot happen – Council would be committing to a plan that no longer exists

-President – will ask for clarification from the Law Director

-Swank – asked about a statute of limitations on what was approved by the Planning Commission – not comfortable voting for ambiguity – asked if Council does not act on this development how long the Planning Commission's action lasts

Mayor – believes it is two years – it is ultimately Council's decision

-Swank – Council may not want to act – could just wait and see

-Crowl – doesn't understand the concern with Council approving the specific plans that have been approved by the Planning Commission – either the development gets built or it doesn't, and if changes to the plan are requested the developer must return to the Planning Commission

-Grace – Council would simply be completing the PUD process – feels there is no risk or downside to Council's approval

-Swank – there are three legitimate concerns: price, and Council has yet to receive a letter of support from the Athens Affordable Housing Commission and the Disabilities Commission – there are incomplete parts

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. PUD

MEMORANDUM

To: Athens City Council
From: Athens City Planning Commission
Subject: Recommendation
Date: July 14, 2023

Proposed Amendment to Title 23 – Zoning Code.

On July 6, 2023, the Athens City Planning Commission met to vote on a Code Enforcement Office request to amend Title 23 – Zoning Code as follows:

23.03 General Regulations and Permitted Modifications

- 23.03.13. Sign Regulations.

The Planning Commission voted 4:0 to recommend to Athens City Council that the amendment be granted as requested. Please refer to the attached mark-up to Title 23.03.13. Sign Regulations for the recommended amendment.

The decision of the Planning Commission based the above recommendation on:

- This amendment will keep Athens City Code in step with changing signage types, particularly “feather flags”.

This recommendation is consistent with the Athens 2040 Comprehensive Plan that was adopted by City Council in 2020.

A previous meeting held to discuss this request occurred on June 15th. Minutes from the meetings are enclosed. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Enclosures

23.03.13. Sign regulations.

- (L) Temporary signs. All temporary signs shall be maintained in a safe condition and in good repair or be removed immediately.
- (1) Advertising signs. Except in the Downtown Business District (B-2D), in zones where advertising signs are permitted, temporary advertising signs announcing sales, new products or special business events may be permitted in addition to the maximum sign face area of a permanent business sign.
 - (a) Special sales and special events. Advertising banner, posters, **feather flags**, pennants, ribbons, streamers, strings of lights, or other similar devices, with or without letters, words, numbers, logos or graphics, for the purpose of advertising or attracting attention to a special sale or to a special event upon the premises may be permitted for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days, if approved by the zoning inspector. No more than four permits shall be issued for the erection of a temporary sign by any person on any one building or premises in any year. ~~The maximum total signage of temporary signs shall be the same as the maximum size of a permanent free-standing sign allowed in the zone.~~ **The maximum number of temporary signs shall not exceed two (2) per property. For multiple businesses operating on one property the maximum number of temporary signs shall be one (1) per business. The maximum total signage area for all temporary signs shall not exceed 50 sf.**
 - (b) Downtown Business Zone (B-2D). Temporary advertising is allowed without permit application when the total sign/signs face area does not exceed ten square feet, is not placed on or above the public right-of-way and does not encumber the public sidewalk. Signage is limited to posters, chalk boards, grease pencil boards and the like, advertising daily specials or special events, and does not include banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, strings of lights or other similar devices. All other temporary advertising is prohibited.
 - (c) Temporary project free-standing sign. One temporary project free-standing sign not exceeding the regulations of the use district in which it is located shall be permitted if it is located on the lot of a proposed building or a building under construction. Permits for such signs shall be for a period not exceeding one year. However, such permits may be renewed while construction is pursued diligently. Project signs shall be removed within 14 days of the commencement of the intended use.

**Athens City Planning Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2023 12:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Athens City Planning Commission was held in City Council Chambers, third floor of City Hall, on June 15, 2023.

Attendees: None

1. Call to Order

Steve Patterson called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 12:01 p.m. and quorum was established with five members present. With no attendees, an oath was not administered.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Steve Patterson, Chair	Present
John Kotowski, Vice Chair	Present
Nancy Bain	Present
Austin Phillips	Present
Andy Stone, Service-Safety Director	Present

STAFF:

Paul Logue, City Planner	Absent
David Riggs, Code Enforcement Director	Present

2. Disposition of Minutes

John Kotowski moved to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes. Austin Phillips seconded. All present voted aye, motion passed 5:0.

3. Cases

None

4. Communications

Proposed Zoning Amendment. City administration's recommended changes to the temporary sign portion of the zoning code.

David Riggs

Seeking changes to Title 23, 23.03.13 Sign regulations, to keep in step with changing signage types, particularly "feather flags". Feather flags don't fit in the existing code very well. East State Street and Richland Avenue have these types of signs. The suggested changes are to (L) (1) (a) as per the attached document.

Discussion

- Steve P. asked what category inflatable signs fit under in our code. David R. noted that these types are not permitted in Athens.
- Andy S. asked what the typical size of the feather flags was. David R. noted that usually 2'X10', 20 sq. ft., some smaller/some larger. Andy S. noted that two signs per property would be roughly 40 sq. ft.
- Austin P. asked about the regulation of political signs. David R. noted that political signs aren't regulated other than not being allowed in the city right of way.
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Business Use of Animals

David Riggs

Another suggested change to Title 23 will be submitted regarding the business use of animals. A resident inquired recently with the code office about being able to use goats to maintain the sloped backside of his property. This type of use is not mentioned in Code. Accessory use and the keeping of farm animals, are not allowed in an R-1 zone except if you can keep them in a building 100' from property lines. City does allow pets, so you have to separate the two and have a definition of a pet and a definition for a farm animal. Current code, 23.04.01 (B) (10), doesn't fit well with what this resident wants to do. Goats would be first allowed in a B-3. He could issue him a temporary permit for uses that aren't allowed in any other zone as long as it is for under 60 days. He recommends a temporary special use permit from the zoning administrator.

Discussion

- Austin P. asked what the suggested language would look like. David R. commented that time limits and noise regulations could be part of the language.
- Andy S. observed that this isn't really different from hiring a pony for a child's birthday party. It would take more than a day for a goat to eat the brush, so it is the "keeping of animals". Temporary special use zoning permits sounds judicious – the topography is the constraint. You can also argue control of invasives and the decreased use of herbicides for the public good.
- John K. commented that there is a property on Lancaster landscaped entirely with rocks. David R. said that there is nothing in our code prohibiting a rock surface.
- Chickens are not allowed in R-1's (foul or farm animals not allowed). B-3, general business zone, allows an enclosure to keep animals 200' from any residential zone. Andy S. commented that the Health Department is against keeping chickens. Austin P. wondered if you could be allowed if you had your neighbors to sign off on it. David R. said that the roosters would be a problem. Andy S. noted that Bexley allows chickens.

Pets

- David R. commented that animal shelters are allowed in B-3 zones or M zones. It has to be in a building at least 200' from any residential zone.
- John K. asked about restrictions in the uptown area. David R. said that variances are required if you want a use not permitted in the code. The process would be to get a variance, which would allow a business owner some relief. If you have a business or industrial use that is not permitted you can go to the Planning Commission and then the BZA for a variance. The PC would look at it and determine how it compares to/impacts the Comprehensive Plan. Recommendation from PC to BZA that would then decide.
- John K. observed that he has seen more dogs with students lately and the shelter is struggling to find homes for them. There are a lot of feral cats as well. He asked if the Comprehensive Plan says anything about this issue. David R. read from 23.07.12. Andy S. thought that the Comprehensive Plan was silent on this issue. David R. said that 5 or more dogs constitutes the commercial keeping of pets.

6. Report from City Planner and Director of Code Enforcement

No reports

7. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

None

8. Announcements & Other Business

- Next meeting July 6, 2023
- Andy S. mentioned that Athens City Council held a Special Meeting and Public Hearing regarding the Ridges Community Authority, and that they voted to approve. Redevelopment will be going forward and will come through the Planning Commission (the zoning changes that the CA recommends).

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

**Athens City Planning Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 2023 12:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Athens City Planning Commission was held in City Council Chambers, third floor of City Hall, on July 6, 2023.

Attendees: John Wharton, Pat Lawson, Bret Howard, Clinton Kuenzli, Rob Delach

1. Call to Order

Steve Patterson called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 12:00 p.m. and administered the oath to those in attendance planning to speak before the commission. Quorum was established with four members present.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Steve Patterson, Chair	Present
John Kotowski, Vice Chair	Present
Nancy Bain	Present
Austin Phillips	Absent
Andy Stone, Service-Safety Director	Present

STAFF:

David Riggs, Code Enforcement Director	Present
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2. Disposition of Minutes

John Kotowski moved to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes with one correction on Page 2 under Discussion. Nancy Bain seconded. All present voted aye, motion passed 4:0.

3. Cases

None

4. Communications

University Estates (UE) P.U.D./Affordable Housing Development

David Riggs

- The PUD process is a bit complicated. It starts with Planning Commission review/approval of preliminary plans, then the final plan will come up after a Public Hearing and then a recommendation (if approved) would go to City Council for review.
- The plan is to take 15 undeveloped lots on Homestead Court and turn them into 43 lots, some with zero setbacks.
- In 2019, City Council created the Affordable Housing Plan for low and moderate income housing, and then in 2020 a TIF was included as part of the plan. Some TIF money will be used as part of this project.

- A public hearing has to be held – it has to be advertised 14 days in advance so the earliest to hold the hearing would be July 20th.

Discussion

- Steve P: These units will be built but the lots may not line up where the unit is placed. Have party walls with these units that you have to build around, so this is a challenge.
 - David R: The Planning Commission is approving the preliminary plan, not a plat. Minor adjustments can be made to this plan as the development progresses. The final plat will be created/recorded after final completion of the development.
 - Andy S: The TIF is offsetting the cost. They will have to build in phases, and so phasing will also happen when it comes to approving the plats. Can't sell units until plat approval.
 - David R: Spoke with the law director about the re-plating process. Re-plating does not need to go through the Planning Commission at each step.
- Andy S: Asked Patrick Lawson/Cornerstone to establish the structure by which maintenance will be able to be done on each building in the future. Language should be included in the deeds.
 - John Wharton/Ohio Realty and UE HOA: They will address this by a deed restriction that will grant a solution. They don't want an HOA, but they (UE HOA) would like them to join their HOA.
 - Andy S: The HOA is between them. The deed restriction is a good method.
- Andy S: They will need to identify access to the rear of the properties, maybe a cross access easement. He is supportive of this unique affordable housing development in the city.
- John K: If something were to come up during the development and they wanted to increase the number of units they would have to come back to the commission for approval.
 - Patrick L: Does not anticipate coming back and asking to add units, however, there is flexibility in the number of units if they need to reduce them for some unforeseen issue during development.
- Andy S: Requested utility tap information.
 - Clinton Kuenzli/The Buckley Group noted that this detail is available on page C-5 of the plan. (This page was not provided prior to the meeting so he shared this plan page with the commissioners.)
 - Andy S: Asked if the 1" line is inside or outside the public right of way and Clinton K. affirmed that it is outside. Plan and Profile Sheet, C11.
- Andy S: Regarding the shared access question he mentioned earlier, utility access should be considered in the deed restriction as well.
- Nancy B: Asked if there be space for playground equipment for children.
 - Clinton K: No room for play equipment.
 - John W: The UE HOA controls the installation of play equipment for UE, so they are recommending that this new development become members of the UE HOA. Most of

the interest in this development has been from folks who are older and wanting to downsize.

- Rob Delach/Morris Avenue: Asked if there were any street trees in the preliminary plan.
 - John W: The development is surrounded by trees, it is called "Wood's Edge".
 - David R: During the PUD process, the Planning Commission (and City Council) can waive this requirement along with other requirements that can't be met, like 20% open space, setbacks, and bulk controls, etc.

Steve P. commented that this has been in planning for some time and he is supportive of affordable housing in Athens. This will come back as a case.

Proposed Zoning Amendments/Chickens

David Riggs

- Continuing the discussion from the last meeting. Regarding allowing poultry/chickens in residential zones, he distributed the suggested language (attached for reference) to the commissioners. Mr. Riggs read through the suggested changes to 23.04.01 that included two (B) choices he drafted to be considered. Some communities require licensing for the keeping of chickens but he would not recommend that for Athens. Current Title 9 (09.01.01 and .07) contains language to control nuisance animals.

Discussion

- Andy S: The Environment and Sustainability Commission shared survey results that they distributed previously on this topic – the feedback was generally positive in support of this. He is in support but does want to review the regulations of the zoning code to avoid any unforeseen issues. He asked for a definition of "predator proof structure".
- David R: Noted that "animals at large" can't be running loose, chickens can fly out of structures that aren't enclosed on the top.
- John K: Recently built a chicken coop and it can be built with a covered pen for running.
- David R: The first B choice is very open, the 2nd B choice (his recommendation) is more detailed.
- Ron D: The first choice still seems too onerous, so something less restrictive than that would be better. There are already chickens being kept in the city and roaming the streets. At the last meeting it was suggested that making sure that immediate neighbors were okay with a neighbor keeping chickens was included in the language. Are these suggestions including this or any permitting or licensing requirement?
- David R: This is not included in his proposal. Several communities require licensing/permitting but he doesn't recommend this for Athens as it would be too much for his department as far as inspection/enforcing.
- Andy S: The city does receive complaints of chickens running loose but no owners step up and claim ownership.
- Steve P: There is a mechanism in Code (Title 9) for a neighbor to lodge a complaint.

Proposed Zoning Amendments/Sign Regulations

David Riggs

- This was discussed at the last meeting. The proposed changes are good to go and could go to City Council.

Steve P. reviewed the suggested changes to 23.03.13. Sign regulations (attached for reference), and asked for a motion.

Andy Stone moved to accept the 23.03.13. Sign regulations suggested changes as discussed during the June 15, 2023 Planning Commission meeting and to submit a recommendation to City Council for review/approval. John Kotowski seconded. All present voted aye, motion passed 4:0.

5. Reports from City Planner and Director of Development & Code Enforcement

Andy Stone/Stimson Avenue Corridor Technical Assistance Planning Update

- He has been working with ACEDC through a Technical Assistance Grant awarded to the city by Ohio Southeast (JobsOhio) for assistance in planning in corridors.
- American Structurepoint was hired to draft an Existing Conditions Report (he will share this with the commissioner's) and a Redevelopment Design of this corridor.
- This is an Opportunity Zone in Athens.
- The city did some rezoning in this corridor recently as related to parking.
- He reviewed American Structurepoint's Future Transects Map and redevelopment concept drawings that were included in the packet (attached for reference).

The commissioners discussed the concept drawings. Steve P. noted that the "Recreational Commercial Zone" indicated on the Future Transects Map is not within the Opportunity Zone, yet there is opportunity there. David R. said that he has received calls of interest in portions of this zone. Andy S. noted that a zoning overlay in would show flexibility to allow other uses. Nancy B. does not want the redevelopment to displace housing. John K. agreed and added that he did not want the character of the area to be altered negatively. Steve P. mentioned that when the new AFD Headquarters was in design a lot of thought was given to this being a major entry into Athens.

David Riggs/No Report

6. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

None

7. Announcements & Other Business

- Next meeting July 20, 2023

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.