

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, February 4, 2019, 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, McGee, and Risner.

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

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Risner moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held January 22, 2019; Fahl seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATION:**

**President Knisely** and Council are in receipt of the following:

- A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a name transfer of C1, C2 and D6 permits **FROM** KSRR, LLC, dba Atheneon Carryout, **TO** Ioannis Pantakis, dba Atheneon Carryout & Deli, 74 N. Court Street.
- A notice from Police Chief Tom Pyle verifying that expenditures totaling (\$5,060) in the 2018 Law Enforcement Trust Fund were for purposes authorized by ORC Sections 2925.03 and 2981.13.

**Council Member Kotses** announced the following:

- Along with Councilman Crowl, he will be attending a Complete Streets Workshop on Tuesday, February 12, at the Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The Athens City School Board will be meeting on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Superintendent Tom Gibbs will be attending Council on February 25, to provide an update on building plans.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Patterson** reported the following:

- North Court Street lane closure tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. between Washington and State for street repair;

Eden Place will be closed between Jacobs and Dalton, at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, and the closure will continue until a manhole cover has been replaced; and

South Green Drive will be reduced to one lane traffic between Oxbow Trail and University Terrace for utility work until February 8.

- Is in receipt of several postcards expressing support for the Bailey's Bike Trail System in the Wayne National Forest.
- On March 1, he and Police Chief Pyle will be meeting with Mayor Steve Williams of Huntington West Virginia regarding advances they have made with the Heroine/Opioid epidemic, and their creative housing plan for military veterans living in tiny houses on public lands. He extended an invitation to any Council Members who would like to attend.

#### **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

##### **0-04-19**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SOFTENING SALT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

##### **0-05-19**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING EAST UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND UNIVERSITY TERRACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR.

##### **0-06-19**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE PAINTING WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON U.S. STATE ROUTE 33 (PID 106810); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

##### **0-07-19**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE PAINTING WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON U.S. STATE ROUTE 33 (PID 25343); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

##### **0-11-19**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, TAXES, CHAPTER 15.01, INCOME TAX, SECTION 15.01.13, BOARD OF APPEAL.

**0-12-19**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO OHIO UNIVERSITY TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN UTILITY CONDUITS ON STATION STREET PROPERTY.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

**0-13-19**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

**0-14-19**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 142-18, STAFFING LEVELS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**RESOLUTION FOR SECOND READING:**

**R-01-19**

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SERVICES THE CITY OF ATHENS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.74 ACRES LOCATED ON HILLCREST DRIVE, AS REQUESTED BY THE ANNEXATION PETITIONER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fahl moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet an ORC deadline for receipt by the Athens County Commissioners; Kotses seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Fahl moved for Adoption; Kotses seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**ONE-READING RESOLUTION:**

**R-02-19**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS, AND ENCOURAGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPEN. Fahl moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Discussion: Council Member McGee's understanding is that Ohio State Senator Stivers is the co-sponsor of a Bill that would prevent shutdowns in the future, and encouraged citizens to continue to reach out to State Legislators that have the power to prevent future government shutdowns.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:**

Butler moved to confirm the reappointment of Mark Ferguson to an additional 2-year term on the Arts Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Fahl seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

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

Bolo J. Henderson, North Lancaster Street, is affiliated with the Peoples' Justice League (PJL), and he expressed his experience with LGBTQ bias's through a series of fundraiser shows he is sponsoring to support PJL. He has been negotiating the use of the City's ARTS/West venue for an upcoming cabaret show that will be open to the public. He questioned that the City will not allow him to include burlesque as part of this benefit show and feels the City is setting up roadblocks to the performance.

President Knisely suggested he follow up with the City Administration.

At approximately 7:35 p.m. Fahl moved to Adjourn the meeting; Kotses seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council