

ATHENS TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session – April 7, 2015
Athens Town Hall

The Athens Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the Athens Town Hall.

Members present were Carol Bard, Scott Inghram, Roger Lokay, Timothy Pike, Joseph Manzo, John David Smith, and Lynne White.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the corrected March 17, 2015 minutes without objection.

CITIZENS INPUT

Malinda Hatfield, Concord SGA, appeared before Council to discuss the “color the campus” project. Tanner Tuggle, Blue Key Honor Society, appeared before Council to invite everyone to “lunch with the Mayor”.

Kendra Boggess, Concord University, appeared before Council to discuss Town/Gown public meeting.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Missy Pentasuglia, Water Director, appeared before Council to present the Water Plant report (report is attached). Wayne Morgan, Thrasher, Inc., appeared before Council to present the consultant report (report is attached).

OLD BUSINESS

Economic Development – Manzo presented to Council possible opportunities for economic development in the Town of Athens.

Town/Gown Meeting – White will work with President Kendra Boggess, Concord University, to schedule a new date for the Town/Gown public meeting.

Town Hall requirements – The Town Hall ad hoc Committee met and discussed possible financing options.

Budget Discussion and Approval – Council discussed the budget and budget process. There appears a need for an ordinance to cover special fees. Bard and Smith will prepare a draft for Council. Further, Council agreed the next meeting, 4-21-2015, would be dedicated to budget and finance issues.

Knox Box Ordinance – Council discussed the Knox Box ordinance and implementation dates.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Fees and Charges – Bard discussed the need to codify existing ordinances dealing with town fees and charges.

Water Bond – Bard official notified Council that the bond for the building of the water plant has been paid off – retired.

OTHER BUSINESS, MAYORAL REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER INPUT

Manzo motioned and White seconded for Council to enter into executive session for the purpose of a personnel issue. Upon a vote Council entered executive session at 8:35 pm. Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:55 pm.

APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (Action on Accounts)

On a motion by Pike, seconded by Lokay, Council approved the current bills, which are available for review in the Town Hall.

REMINDER

Election – The Town election will be held the second Tuesday in June (June 9, 2015).

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Pike made a motion to adjourn, Manzo seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carol Bard, Mayor

John David Smith, Recorder