

ATHENS TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session – July 21, 2015
Athens Town Hall

The Athens Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the Athens Town Hall.

Members present were, Charles Abraham Lilly, Lisa Jennings, Timothy Pike, John David Smith, and Lynne White. Jed Nolan joined Council after his Oath of Office was administered.

ACTION ON LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Action was taken at the June 7, 2015 Council meeting, “On a motion by Lokay, second by Pike, Council accepted the resignation of Inghram and thanked him for his service to the Town”.

OATH OF OFFICE: Was administered for: Council Member Jed Nolan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the June 7, 2015, minutes without objection.

CITIZENS INPUT

No citizens appeared before Council.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - OFFICE: No Departments appeared before Council.

OLD BUSINESS

- Budget and Personnel Issues – After discussion and on a motion by Lilly, second by Clark, Council voted to accept the 2014 presented audit, noting recommendations.
- Water Plant Remediation and Thrasher Contract – Pike is following up on facilitating appropriate and needed remediation.
- Hydrants – Pike volunteered to work with Mark Parsell to replace the current non-working hydrant and the possibility of replacing three additional hydrants now, and six in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- Committees and Commissions – For efficiency and effectiveness, Mayor Pike proffered and Council approved the establishment of the following committees and committee members:

FINANCE: UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR, AND IN CONCERT WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS, PROPOSE TO COUNCIL YEARLY BUDGETS, INCLUDING ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND SPENDING. REVIEW BUDGET EXPENDITURES, RECONCILIATIONS, REPORTS, AUDITS, AND PROVIDES COORDINATION WITH COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OFFICE STAFF. THE COMMITTEE REPORTS THE PRODUCT OF COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION AND APPROVAL WHEN NECESSARY.

LISA JENNINGS

TIM PIKE

LYNNE WHITE

MAINTENANCE (TOWN CREW), WATER, TREATMENT PLANT COORDINATION COMMITTEE: WORKS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING REQUESTS, DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES, BEST PRACTICES, COMPLAINTS AND ACCOLADES.

CHARLES ABRAHAM LILLY

JED NOLAN

TIM PIKE

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATION COMMITTEE: WORKS WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD REGARDING REQUESTS, DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES, BEST PRACTICES, COMPLAINTS AND ACCOLADES.

CHARLES ABRAHAM LILLY

JED NOLAN

JOHN DAVID SMITH

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR, AND IN CONCERT WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATES AND AMENDS AS NECESSARY, TOWN PERSONNEL POLICIES AND THE APPLICATION OF SUCH POLICIES. FURTHER, THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES UPDATES/TRAINING AS NEEDED FOR ISSUES SUCH AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT, APPROPRIATE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, ETC. AND REVIEWS COMPENSATION SCHEDULES AND REQUESTS FOR INCREASES/CHANGES IN COMPENSATION. THE COMMITTEE SERVES AS THE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL AS NEEDED OR REQUESTED.

ROGER LOKAY

TIM PIKE

JOHN DAVID SMITH

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, AND TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE.

ROGER LOKAY

TIM PIKE

LYNNE WHITE

OTHER BUSINESS, MAYORAL REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER INPUT

Pike discussed with Council the Suddenlink resolution. Pike will distribute the resolution to Council for future action.

APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (Action on Accounts)

On a motion by Lilly, second by Clark, Council approved the current bills, and requested clarification of the RLI invoice.

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Pike made a motion to adjourn, White seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Tim Pike, Mayor

John David Smith, Recorder