

August 11, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA,
LIMESTONE COUNTY,
CITY OF ATHENS.

The City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama, met in regular session at the Athens Police Department Court Room at 951 Hobbs Street East in the said City on August 11, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Councilman John M. Crutcher, President of the Council. Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Councilmembers John M. Crutcher, Harold Wales, Jimmy Gill, Ronnie Marks and Mildred Caudle. Mayor Williams was present. John Hamilton, City Clerk, was present and recorded the minutes of the meeting. Ronnie Marks offered the invocation and Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairperson stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was open for transaction of business.

The Chairperson stated that the Minutes of the July 28, 2008 City Council Meeting had been submitted for approval. Councilman Marks moved that the reading of the Minutes be suspended and that the Minutes be approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Caudle and was unanimously carried. The Chairperson stated that the Minutes of the July 28, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes had been submitted for approval. Councilman Marks moved that the reading of the Minutes be suspended and that the Minutes be approved as recorded. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Caudle and was unanimously carried.

Mr. David Cummings, resident of Houston Place, wants the same protection from the Fire Department that they use to have. They want fairness.

Bingham Edwards, resident of Blacks Landing, expressed his concern about having a Fire Department in the subdivision which would help save lives and reduce homeowner's insurance rates.

Bill Byrne, resident of Blacks Landing, is frustrated they don't have timely fire protection from the city even though they are in the city limits.

Peggy Atkins, resident of Blacks Landing, emphasized timely fire protection for safety concerns.

Councilman Marks moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to set a Special City Council meeting for August 29, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the zoning request of George and Jean Braly to zone their newly annexed property located in the southwest quadrant of I-65 and Huntsville-Brownsferry Road as B-3 Highway Business District.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wales and was unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Caudle moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve payment to Stephen Ward Associates, Inc. for the re-roofing of the Recreation Center Project in the amount of \$11,040.00. The amount will be charged to 10.16.81200 without amending the budget.

Councilmember Marks moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gill, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, Wales, Gill, Marks and

Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon declared that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on the said resolution had been unanimously carried. Councilmember Caudle thereupon moved that the resolution be finally adopted, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Councilman Marks moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the repair of a drainage ditch located at 108 Hammons Street. The cost will not exceed \$2,000.00 and will be funded from City Council District Four funds.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Caudle and was unanimously carried.

Councilman Wales moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to allocate \$210,000.00 for the Pike Road Improvement Project, and to authorize the Mayor to award the negotiated bid for this project to Joe Keenum Excavation and Construction, Inc. and to also authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents for this construction contract for the Pike Road Improvement Project. The \$210,000.00 will be funded from the General Fund reserves, line item 10.25.90115 will be amended for \$210,000.00.

Councilmember Marks moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gill, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon declared that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on the said resolution had been unanimously carried. Councilmember Wales thereupon moved that the resolution be finally adopted, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gill and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Councilman Marks moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve up to \$5,000.00 to remove trees that pose a danger to the area located at the Athens City Cemetery and the Athens Wellness Park. Line item 10.16.82800 will be amended for \$5,000.00

Councilmember Gill moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Caudle, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The President thereupon declared that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on the said resolution had been unanimously carried. Councilmember Marks thereupon moved that the resolution be finally adopted, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gill and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Crutcher, Wales, Gill, Marks and Caudle; NAYS: None. The

President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion by Councilman Marks and second by Councilman Gill, duly and properly adjourned.

/s/ John M. Crutcher
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

/s/ John S. Hamilton
CITY CLERK

