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Athens, Tennessee

Athens City Council Advances Budget, Approves Key Measures



The Athens City Council moved quickly through its May 19 agenda, approving previous minutes and hearing a year-end report from Athens City Primary School, where a new “house system” based off the *Harry Potter* books has strengthened student relationships. All consent-agenda items passed unanimously, including the 2026–27 Athens City Schools budget, a new city branding and signage design, and authorization to seek a Safe Streets for All federal grant. Council also approved three ordinances on second reading, including creation of a Craft Beer Restaurant permit and zoning updates for drive-thru oil change facilities.

Under new business, members approved a charter change affecting future council compensation, advanced new towing-service regulations, and rezoned a three-acre parcel on Denso Drive to allow the Athens YMCA to build a daycare facility. A sidewalk-loop design contract for McMinn County High School and several Recreation Advisory Board appointments were also approved.

Most discussion centered on Ordinance 1158, the proposed 2026–27 budget. Council adopted eight amendments reducing expenses by \$372,200—including cuts to outside agencies, eliminating Soap Box Derby expenses, elimination of a stormwater engineer position, and removal of vehicle allowances which cut affected employees’ annual salaries by 2-4%—to help fund three new firefighter positions. The Humane Society contract was amended to require an \$11,000 annual utility contribution. Public Works presented a \$1.14 million draft paving plan and received approval to begin bidding FY27 road projects.

In the City Manager’s report, proposed Parks & Recreation fee changes included updated vendor permit requirements, slight increases to youth sports fees, and revised advertising rates for Regional Park scoreboard signage. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. *Source: Simon Rhodes, Communications Coordinator, City of Athens*

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Bridge Dedicated to Honor Coach Johnny Majors



A South Knoxville bridge has officially been named the Coach John Majors Memorial Bridge, with new signs installed this week on the Topside Road bridge over Alcoa Highway. The location was chosen because Majors lived nearby, and the request originated from friends in his neighborhood.

The City of Knoxville called Majors a beloved local icon. An All-American tailback at UT, he led the Vols to a 10–0 regular season his senior year and finished as the Heisman Trophy runner-up. Returning as head coach in 1977, he compiled a 116-62-6 record, won three SEC championships, and made 12 bowl appearances before his retirement. Majors, a College Football Hall of Fame inductee, died in 2020 at age 85.

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Library Board will meet on Tuesday evening, May 26, 2026, at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held at the E.G. Fisher Public Library.
- The Walking in Love 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run will take place at Eureka trail on Saturday, June 13. Cost to register is \$28.56 with all proceeds benefiting [Kairos Outside Eastern Tennessee](#). Kairos Outside is a Christian-based, no-cost weekend retreat and support program for women who have been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one.
Register at www.runsignup.com
- Athens Community Theatre will close its 2025–26 Table Read season with three final readings, all held at The Arts Center on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and free to the public. Crimes of the Heart will be read on May 26, led by Jan Burleson; the musical The Prom follows on June 2, led by Tyler Peaden and Michael Webb; and A Little Talk concludes the season on July 14, led by Kathryn Hunter.

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Church News & Events

- A Memorial Day clean-up at New Zion Cemetery in Etowah will take place on Monday, May 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Volunteers are encouraged to bring chainsaws, wheelbarrows, rakes, and water to help with the work.** The organizers note that this effort is a meaningful way to honor those who have gone before us as the community pauses to remember the sacrifices Memorial Day represents.
- Today is the last day to attend Mt. Verd Baptist Church's **Community Revival**. Services begin at 7 PM.
- **Celebrate Recovery** meets every **Tuesday** at 6:00 pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens They also meet every **Thursday** at 6:00 pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur and Thursdays at **6:30 pm** at **Spirit City Church North Etowah**.
- **St. Mary's Legacy Clinic** offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madson Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*

Nashville to Host Super Bowl LXIV in 2030

The NFL has officially selected Nashville to host Super Bowl LXIV in 2030, marking the first time Music City will host the league's championship game. The announcement came Tuesday during the NFL Spring League Meeting in Orlando, following a recommendation from the league's Fan Engagement & Major Events Committee and a vote by team owners.

The game will be played at the new enclosed Nissan Stadium, now under construction on the East Bank and expected to open in 2027. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell praised Nashville's past success hosting major events—especially the 2019 NFL Draft, which drew roughly 600,000 fans—and credited Titans owner Amy Adams Strunk, the Titans organization, and the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp for their work on the bid.

Local leaders called the selection a “defining moment” for Tennessee, noting the Super Bowl's expected economic impact through tourism, media exposure, and week-long fan events. Super Bowl week in Nashville is expected to include NFL Honors, Super Bowl Experience, Opening Night, and community initiatives supporting local and underrepresented businesses.

Source: [News Channel 5](#)

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Jeep Driver Injured in Hwy 411 Crash



A 2012 Honda Civic and 1999 Jeep Cherokee collided late Wednesday morning on Highway 411 North at County Road 532 in Etowah. The crash occurred close to 11 a.m.

The Jeep's driver was transported to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens, while the Honda's driver declined medical transport. Responding agencies included Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, AMR, and THP Trooper Jake Delmotte, who is investigating the crash. *Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD*



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Stacey Johnson, 43 of Athens, charged with disorderly conduct, Bond \$1,000.

Brandi Wilson, 41 of Athens, charged with shoplifting, and theft of property.

Raven Moore, 28 of Athens, charged with DUI by allowance.

Charnay Ware, 25 of Detroit, Michigan, charged with burglary, theft of property, and shoplifting by fraud over \$1,000.

Craig Vercher, 37 of Athens, charged with driving on a suspended license second offense, Bond \$2,000.

**Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
Information gathered using public sources.**

Obituaries

Doyle Fugate, 76, of Ten Mile, passed away on Tuesday, May 19. Doyle proudly served as a law enforcement officer for over 20 years with the Meigs County Sheriff's Office. His career was marked by a passion for public service for over 50 years in Meigs County, and he also held licenses as an electrician and plumber. In addition to his law enforcement duties, Doyle drove a school bus, earning the trust and admiration of countless children and parents alike. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 23 in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with the Rev. Lawrence Waller officiating. Interment will follow in the Maple Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Ten Mile. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Fugate family.



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