

March 9, 2026

STATE OF ALABAMA,
LIMESTONE COUNTY,
CITY OF ATHENS.

The City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama met in regular session at the Athens Municipal Building, 200 Hobbs Street West, Athens, Alabama, on March 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Councilman Chris Seibert, President of the City Council. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Councilmembers Chris Seibert, Allen Creasy, Dana Henry and Amy Golden. Councilman James Lucas was absent. Annette Barnes-Threet, City Clerk, was present and recorded the minutes of the meeting. Councilwoman Henry offered the invocation. Mayor Marks 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 February 23, 2026 City Council Meeting and Work Session Meeting had been submitted for approval. Councilwoman Golden moved that the reading of the Minutes be suspended and that the Minutes be approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Henry and was unanimously carried.

Mayor Marks noted that the Boutique Crawl was a success and gave a shoutout to Athens Main Street and Tourism.

Council President Seibert echoed Mayor Marks' remarks.

Council President Seibert opened the floor for public remarks regarding agenda items. Seeing no one come forward, Council President Seibert continued with the business portion of the meeting.

Councilman Creasy introduced the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, that the travel expenses in the following amount be approved for Electric Department personnel:

Jimmy McBay Tuscaloosa, AL – Alabama Vegetation Management Society Annual Conference	\$85.03
Rhett Murphy Tuscaloosa, AL – Alabama Vegetation Management Society Annual Conference	\$31.95
Rhett Murphy Montgomery, AL – Pick up new trucks for Electric Department	\$43.89

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the purchase of one John Deere Z950M ZTrak mower from TriGreen Equipment, at a cost of \$13,353.34 to be funded from the Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Department's existing capital expenditure fund.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to purchase a 2026 Ford Explorer XLT 200A 2WD 2.3L for the Building Inspection Department. This purchase will be made from the State of Alabama Bid List from Stivers Ford Lincoln Montgomery, AL at a cost not to exceed \$39,593 for the vehicle. Funding for this purchase will be from the allocated fiscal year 2026 capital fund allocated on February 23rd, 2026, to the Building Inspection Department.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the purchase of a 2026 Heil Dppython automated side loader garbage truck at a cost of \$417,888 and a 2026 Heil DPHP commercial front loader garbage truck at a cost of \$403,570 for a total cost of \$821,458. These purchases will be made from Ingram Equipment Company through Sourcewell contract 110223-THC and will be funded from the existing Sanitation Department capital account, line item 301.500.85002.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the purchase of two (2) 2026 Pac-Mac KBF-225A/Kenworth T480 grapple trash trucks from Ingram Equipment Company. This purchase will be made through Sourcewell contract 010825-HMC at a cost of \$301,795 each for a total cost of \$603,590 to be funded from the existing Sanitation Department capital account, line item 301.500.85002.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026 - 2145

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, that the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama to maintain approximately 425 linear feet of concrete sidewalk within the ROW of AL-99 (Elm Street) that will be installed as part of the Food City Economic Development Phase 2 project.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this, the 9TH day of March, 2026.

/s/ Chris Seibert
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

/s/ William R. Marks
MAYOR, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve payment to Cortz Company for the following work at Big Spring Park in the amount of \$49,978.00, to be funded from the previously approved allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the Cemetery, Parks, & Recreation Department:

Asphalt resurfacing 6 Pickleball courts

Multisport resurfacing 1 tennis court

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

Councilwoman Henry introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026 – 2406

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING DEALERS IN PRECIOUS ITEMS

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Athens City Council adopted a local ordinance (found at §§ 18-371, *et seq.* of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama*) which regulated dealers in precious metals/items;

WHEREAS, the Alabama legislature later adopted state laws (found at § 8-34-1, *et seq.* of the *Code of Alabama*) which also regulated dealers in precious metals/items;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to restate/amend the local ordinance to ensure that it is consistent with the state law, and so that it also provides a clear definition of the types of business activities of “retail merchants” and “wholesalers” to which it does not apply.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, while in regular session on March 9th, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., as follows:

Section 1. Article 5 of Chapter 18 (Sections 18-171 through 178) (Precious Metals Business) of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama* is hereby repealed, and replaced in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE V. - PRECIOUS ITEMS METALS BUSINESS

Sec. 18-171. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Precious items metals and ~~precious stones~~ means all gold, silver, platinum, pearls, diamonds, rubies, and other precious stones, and any ornament, article, or item made from, or containing, gold, ~~or~~ silver, or platinum, or on which is set or displayed pearls, diamonds, rubies, or other precious stones, including coins.

~~Working days~~ means Monday through Friday of any week, ~~excluding, however, any official holiday as designated by the state.~~

Sec. 18-172. - Compliance with article.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to engage in the business of purchasing precious items metals or precious stones without complying with the terms of this article.

Sec. 18-173. - Notice of intention to operate.

Any person who engages in the business of purchasing precious items metals or precious stones, or any person who purchases precious items metals or precious stones, pursuant to an advertisement wherein the proposed purchaser holds such person's self out as such purchaser or offers to buy said precious items metals or precious stones, shall, before engaging in such business or enterprise, notify the chief of police by letter that such business or enterprise will be conducted, and the notice shall contain the name of the person who is to conduct the business and the address at which such business will be conducted.

Sec. 18-174. - Records.

(a) *Information required.* Every person engaging in the business or enterprise of purchasing precious ~~items metals or precious stones, as hereinabove defined,~~ shall provide and keep a book and enter therein, as each purchase or acquisition is made, the following information:

- (1) The name, address, date of birth, and driver's license number of the seller. In the event the seller does not have a driver's license, other adequate and positive identification that shall be required before a purchase is made shall be shown.
- (2) The time and date of the purchase.
- (3) An accurate and detailed description of the item purchased, which shall include any markings or inscriptions, the make and pattern, if available, the maker or style if appropriate. Each description shall be detailed and accurate and shall include a reference to the size, weight and height. Where appropriate, an indication shall be made whether the item was made for use by a male or a female. If precious stones are purchased, the kind, size and setting of the stones, together with such other information that may be necessary or useful in making a positive identification of the item purchased. Where several individual items are part of a matched set or class of items, each separate item need not be described separately so long as the description used accurately describes the class or set of items, including the number thereof.

(b) *Retention and inspection of records.* Such book shall be kept for six months next subsequent to any purchase, and shall be open to the inspection, during business hours, by any authorized law enforcement officer who may make a request to examine same.

Sec. 18-175. - Segregation and retention of items.

Every item purchased from one seller shall be separately packaged, or kept separately, and not intermingled or confused with items purchased from another seller, for a period of fifteen business days ~~ten calendar days~~ following the delivery mailing of the report of purchase as hereinafter required; ~~provided, however, this provision shall not apply to coins which may be intermingled or disposed of immediately.~~ No person engaging in the business or enterprise of purchasing precious ~~items metals or precious stones~~ shall sell or otherwise dispose of, or permit to be sold or otherwise disposed of, or remove or permit to be removed from such person's place of business, or to intermingle with other ~~precious items jewelry or stones,~~ or alter, change, or deface, or permit to be altered, changed, or defaced, any such precious ~~items metals or precious stones purchased except coins,~~ until after the expiration of fifteen business days ~~ten days~~ from the notification to the chief of police of the purchase, as hereinafter required; provided, however, such items may be removed from the place of business for storage or safekeeping to another place within the jurisdiction of the city approved by the chief of police prior to such removal. It is the intent of this article that the purchase of coins for their metal value is covered by this article ~~insofar as such purchases must be recorded under [section 18-174](#);~~ however, no reports of such purchases are required to be made to the chief of police.

Sec. 18-176. - Reports.

Each such person engaging in the business or enterprise of purchasing precious ~~items metals or precious stones~~ shall ~~mail or otherwise~~ deliver to the chief of police a weekly daily report on forms prepared by and furnished by the chief of police, which form shall be completely filled out and show each item purchased during the preceding day. ~~This section shall not apply to purchases of precious metals and precious stones by a merchant or jeweler from a person whose principal business is the sale of such~~

~~items at wholesale, where such items are purchased by the merchant or jeweler for commercial resale in the ordinary course of business.~~

Sec. 18-177. - Dealing with minors.

It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in the business of purchasing precious ~~items metals or precious stones~~ to purchase or receive from any person under 18 years of age, unless the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian who shall submit identification as required by this article. ~~minor~~ any precious metals or precious stones as herein defined, except coins.

Sec. 18-178. - Exemptions.

(a) Bona fide retail or wholesale merchants of precious items jewelry, gold or silver, or gold or silver objects, who are engaged in such business in the city in a fixed place of business under a license or licenses issued by the city pursuant to the general business license code of the city, and whose primary business is, respectively, the retail sale of precious items gold or silver or gold or silver objects or jewelry to consumers or the wholesale of precious items gold or silver or gold or silver objects or jewelry to retail merchants for resale to consumers, shall be exempt from the provisions of this article as it relates to in regard to purchases of precious items gold or silver or gold or silver objects from persons known by such retail or wholesale merchants to be bona fide manufacturers or wholesalers of precious items gold or silver or gold or silver objects.

(b) This Article shall not apply to manufacturers of precious items or to pawnbrokers licensed by the Alabama State Banking Department.

Section 2. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this code and such amendments and statutes are declared to be severable.

Section 3. No other provisions of the City Code are amended by this Ordinance, unless specifically stated and referenced herein.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens* as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered as necessary to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Chris Seibert
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

/s/ William R. Marks
MAYOR, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

Councilmember Golden moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Creasy, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon declared that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on the said ordinance had been unanimously carried. Councilmember Creasy seconded the motion to adopt the ordinance. Upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said ordinance had been unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Golden introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026 - 2142

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A PARKING LOT LEASE

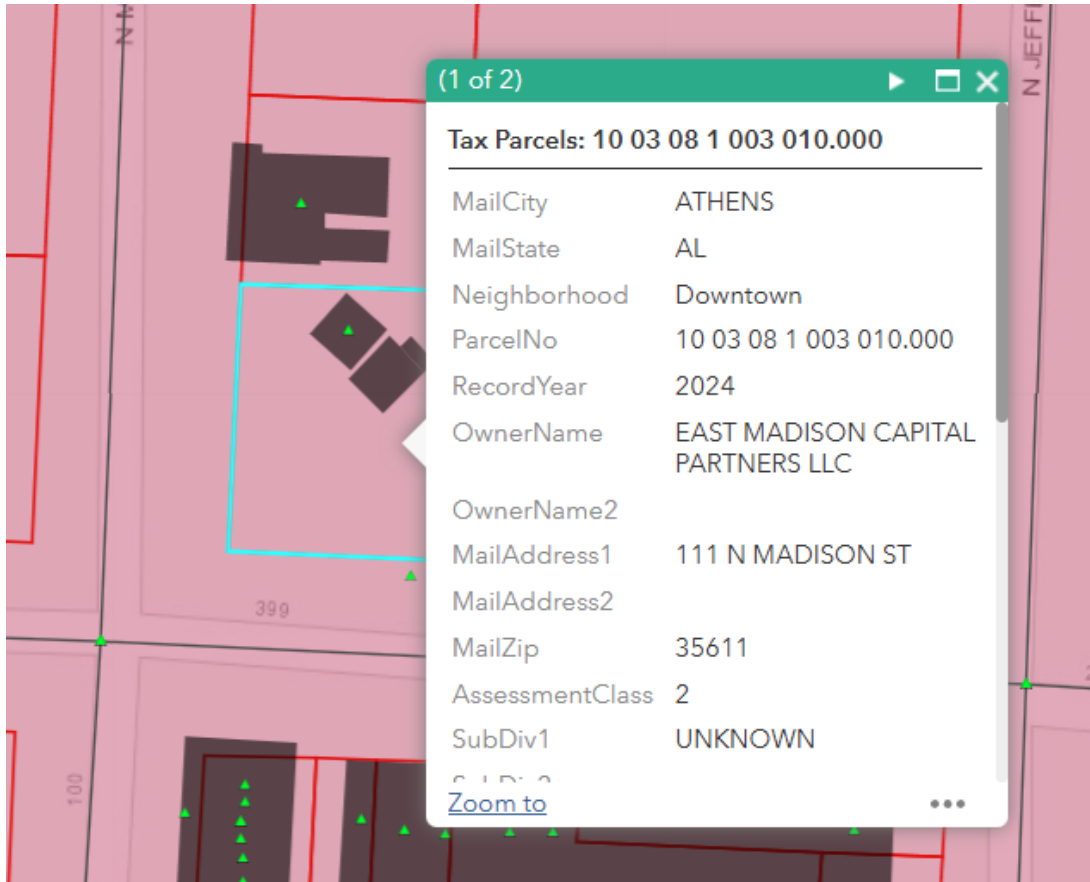
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to lease certain property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Market Street and Madison Street, and as depicted on Attachment A hereto (the “Property”), for public parking.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA on March 9th, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. as follows:

1. The Mayor is authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Athens, Alabama, to enter into a written agreement with East Madison Capital Partners, LLC for the lease of the Property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Market Street and Madison Street for public parking (and other public purposes not inconsistent therewith), upon the following terms: (i) a three (3) year lease term (with the right to extend the term for two (2) additional years); (ii) the City’s payment of rent in the amount of \$1,750.00 per month; (iii) the lease of the property on an “as-is” basis; and such other and additional terms that are not inconsistent therewith.
2. The Mayor is authorized to take actions and execute such other and further documents as may be necessary to effect and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of March, 2026.

ATTACHMENT A



Councilmember Creasy moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Henry, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; 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 Henry seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. Upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Councilman Creasy introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, at its regular meeting on March 9th, 2026 at 4J:30 P.M., as follows:

1. The Electric Services Director is authorized to accept the low bid of \$74,250.00 from Siemens Industry, Inc. for the two 15kV substation breakers for the Athens Utilities Breeding Park electric substation.
2. The costs/expenses related to this Resolution shall be paid from the following fund of the City of Athens: 2015 Warrant Fund and/or 2022 Warrant Fund.

Councilmember Henry moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Golden, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; 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 Golden seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. Upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Golden introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve a 3% cost of living (COLA) salary increase for all full-time employees effective April 5, 2026, which is the first day of the payroll period ending on April 18, 2026 (payable on April 23, 2026), and to approve revising the City's official pay scale to reflect the change in pay rates.

Councilman Creasy remarked that he believes that it is very important that employee wages are kept at as high a rate as possible. He doesn't think that the City should be used as a training ground for North Alabama where employees will move on somewhere else to be paid more. Mr. Creasy stated that the City needs to make sure that employees are well compensated. Council President Seibert seconded Mr. Creasy's comments.

Councilwoman Henry seconded the motion and was unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Henry introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2026 - 2143

WHEREAS, the City of Athens recognizes the need for Construction Engineering and Inspection and Project Management Services to be performed by administration activities to be performed by CSX Transportation, INC. ("CSXT") for the upcoming Project # IAR-042-000-015 Roadway Improvements to Airport Road and SR-127.

WHEREAS, an estimated amount of \$54,471 is required for CSXT to perform these activities and with any unused funds to be reimbursed to the City of Athens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, that the City is authorized to allocate \$54,471 for CSXT to perform these activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds for this purchase shall be drawn from the 2018 General Obligation Warrant proceeds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unused funds from this allocation shall be reimbursed to the City of Athens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the agreement for the administration activities and plan review process be executed in the name of the City, by its Mayor, for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City be affixed thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement, by all parties, a copy of such agreement be kept on file with the City by the City Clerk.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this, 9th of March 2026.

/s/ Chris Seibert
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

/s/ William R. Marks
MAYOR, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

Councilmember Golden moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Creasy, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; 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 Golden seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. Upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Councilman Creasy introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026 - 2144

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA as follows:

That the CITY enters into an agreement for a *Local Roads Safety Initiative Program Project* with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

Safety Improvements at four sites (Shoulder Widening, Guardrail and Guardrail End Anchors, and Signage at Curves) on Hine Street at Moyers Road, Sanderfer Road at Lucas Ferry Road, Elkton Road from Elm Street to the Athens City Limits, and Edgewood Road from Elm Street to the Athens City limits. Project No. HRRR-4226(); CPMS Reference No. 100081150.

Funding for this agreement is subject to availability of Federal Aid funds at the time of authorization. The cost for the project will be financed, when eligible for Federal participation, on the basis of 90 percent High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) funds with 10 percent City funds. Any deficiency in Federal Aid or overrun in costs will be borne by the City from City Federal Aid funds, if available, and from City funds unless approved in writing by the State. The City's share of costs will be funded from the proceeds of the 2018 General Obligation Warrants. The estimated cost and participation by the various parties is as follows:

HRRR (Federal Funds) – 90%	\$ 94,629.60
City Funds – 10%	<u>\$ 10,514.40</u>
Total (Including CE&I & Indirect Cost)	<u>\$105,144.00</u>

Which agreement is before this Council, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the CITY, by the Mayor for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the CITY Clerk and the official seal of the CITY be affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the CITY.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting Clerk of Athens Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the CITY named therein, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 9th day of MARCH 2026, and that such resolution is on file in the CITY Clerk's Office.

ATTESTED:

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK

/s/ William R. Marks
MAYOR

9th day of March, 2026, and that such resolution is of record in the Minute Book of the CITY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the CITY on this 9th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK

Councilmember Henry moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Golden, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; 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 Golden seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. Upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Councilman Creasy introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026 - 2407

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
WATER AND SEWER RATE AND FEE ADJUSTMENTS**

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 23, 2026, the City of Athens Water Services Department presented this city council with its findings from comprehensive rate and system development fee studies, which recommended rate adjustments essential for safe drinking water and the effective collection and treatment of sanitary wastewater;

WHEREAS, over the last five years, the City of Athens has experienced accelerated growth, leading to a significant increase in demand (a 28.4% rise in water service demand and a 35.4% increase in sanitary sewer service demand), and this growth, coupled with aging infrastructure, increasingly stringent regulatory requirements, and inflationary pressures, has dramatically increased the cost of delivering these critical services beyond the scope of current revenue streams;

WHEREAS, the Water Services Department has completed a study to determine the rate structure required to ensure sufficient revenue for operational costs, capital rehabilitation, and compliance needs; and a second study to confirm that system development fees paid by developers adequately cover the cost of infrastructure expansion;

WHEREAS, the studies confirmed that these rate adjustments are necessary to ensure the sufficiency of revenues;

WHEREAS, under these rate adjustments, costs will be directed to those who benefit from the expenditures, with the system development fees ensuring that developers pay for the direct benefits they receive when the systems are updated for capacity expansion, and with rate revenues covering the items that directly benefit customers (such as funding essential compliance upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant and improving resiliency at the water treatment plant);

WHEREAS, despite these changes, the City remains committed to providing its water and sewer services at a competitive price;

WHEREAS, currently, the City charges some of the lowest rates in the North Alabama area, and with the full implementation of these rate changes, the base customer charges for a typical 4,000 gallon-per-month customer will still remain below the North Alabama area average; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the public that these recommended adjustments be made.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama while in regular session on March 9th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. The adjustments recommended by the City of Athens Water Services Department are approved through the amendments to the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama* that are set forth in detail in this Ordinance.

Section 2. Section 50-67 of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama* is hereby amended and restated as follows:

SECTION 1.1 Sec. 50-67. Same—Location; tapping fees; reading; remain city property.

- (a) A meter shall be installed upon each connection to the water system. Meters shall be located within public rights-of-way or easements immediately adjacent to the customer's property. Each customer shall pay to the city for the cost of installation of a water meter according to the following schedule:

Water Meter Installation Fees		
$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ meters		
	Pre-tapped by developer	\$ 575.00
	Dug and tapped by city	\$2,270.00
One-inch meters		
	Pre-tapped by developer	\$670.00
	Dug and tapped by city	\$2,410.00
Two-inch meters		\$6,390.00

- (b) Fees for the installation of meters larger than two inches will be at the documented cost at the time of installation.
- (c) Commencing on October 1, 2026, and annually on the same day of each subsequent year, the fees in subsection (a) above shall be automatically adjusted by the water and sewer department based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (South Region) issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (or in the event that such index is discontinued, then by a substantially similar index as determined by the manager of the water and sewer department) for the previous and most recent 12-month period that ends on the August 31 date immediately preceding the adjustment (except that such annual adjustment shall be no less than plus three percent).
- (d) The meter shall be read at least once in each month by a duly authorized agent of the city who shall have access to the premises of each customer for such purpose at all times. Such meter shall be the property of the city and the cost of any repair or replacement necessary because of damages arising from the negligence of the customer shall be paid by the customer.

Section 3. Section 50-70 of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama* is hereby amended and restated as follows:

SECTION 1.2 Sec. 50-70. Rates for potable water service.

(a) Rates for potable water service shall be as follows:

Metered Usage Gallons/Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons	
	City	Rural
0—4,000	\$6.00	\$8.99
4,001—12,000	5.84	8.74
12,001—25,000	5.71	8.56
25,001—100,000	5.47	8.25
100,001—250,000	5.02	7.54
250,001—1,000,000	4.33	6.62
1,000,001—5,000,000	3.29	5.02
5,000,001—20,000,000	2.99	4.66
20,000,001—35,000,000	3.29	5.02
All over 35,000,000	3.79	5.71

- (b) Each year, on October 1, the preceding rate schedule shall increase by 2.5 percent per annum for each bracket, both city and rural.
- (c) There shall be a minimum monthly water bill based on the meter size and the following table of monthly water use allowance. The minimum monthly bill shall always be calculated based on the minimum monthly water allowance and the applicable rate schedule. The minimum monthly bill shall be payable by each customer unless their water consumption exceeds the monthly allowance; in that case, the total bill shall be based solely upon the applicable rate schedule.

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Allowance City/Rural(Gallons)
3/8"	2,500/3,400
3/4"	4,200/5,000
1"	8,300/8,300
1 1/2"	13,300/13,300
2"	21,700 /21,700
3"	83,500 /83,500
4"	133,600 /133,600
6"	292,000 /292,000
8"	519,000/519,000

- (d) For purposes of this section, rates for “City” shall mean those rates for potable water service that are inside the City’s corporate limits, and rates for “Rural” shall mean those rates for potable water service that are outside the City’s corporate limits.

Section 4. Section 50-72 of the *Code of Ordinances, City of Athens, Alabama* is hereby amended so that it reads as follows:

SECTION 1.3 Sec. 50-72. Sewer service rates.

There shall be two basic kinds of rates charged to customers for sewer service: base availability charges and volume charges. They shall be as follows:

- (a) *Base availability charges.*
- (1) *Residential Customer Class: Base Availability Charge*
- a. Apartment buildings or complexes per unit per month where a single master meter serves two or more residential units: \$8.23 per unit per month

- b. Single-family detached dwelling units per unit per month and apartment buildings where each dwelling unit has an individual water meter: \$4.82 and \$6.03 for individuals outside the water service boundary.

(2) *Commercial Customer Class*

Meter Size Base	Availability Charge
5/8" and 3/4" commercial meters	\$11.67 per meter per month
1" commercial meters	\$20.57 per meter per month
1½" and 2" commercial meters	\$34.28 per meter per month
3" commercial meters	\$54.84 per meter per month
4" commercial meters	\$68.55 per meter per month

(3) *Industrial Customer Class*

Meter Size Base	Availability Charge
2" meters	\$68.55 per meter per month
4" meters	\$137.09 per meter per month
6" meters	\$205.64 per meter per month

(b) *Volume Charges.*

- (1) The volume charge for all customer classes shall be \$8.57/1,000 gallons inside the water service boundary; and \$10.21/1,000 gallons outside the water service boundary.
- (2) Effective October 1, 2027, the volume charge for all customer classes shall be \$9.21/1,000 gallons inside the water service boundary; and \$10.98/1,000 gallons outside the water service boundary.
- (3) Effective October 1, 2028, the volume charge for all customer classes shall be \$9.67/1,000 gallons inside the water service boundary; and \$11.53/1,000 gallons outside the water service boundary.
- (4) Effective October 1, 2029, the volume charge for all customer classes shall be \$10.15/1,000 gallons inside the water service boundary; and \$12.10/1,000 gallons outside the water service boundary.
- (5) Effective October 1, 2030, the volume charge for all customer classes shall be \$10.46/1,000 gallons inside the water service boundary; and \$12.47/1,000 gallons outside the water service boundary.
- (6) For purposes of this subsection, the phrase “water service boundary” shall mean that certain boundary established by the Service Area Map and as set forth in the Consent Judgment in Civil Action No. 2006-23 in the Circuit Court of Limestone County, Alabama, which involved the City of Athens and the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority.

Section 5. Section 50-77 of the *Code of Ordinances, City of Athens, Alabama* is hereby amended so that it reads as follows:

SECTION 1.4 Sec. 50-77. Sanitary sewer impact fees and tapping fees.

(a) *Land development sewer impact fees.*

- (1) Definitions. As used in this subsection (a), the following words shall have the following meanings:
 - a. *LDSI fee* shall mean a land development sewer impact fee, which is a fee that is designed to assist the city in providing new or expanded public sanitary sewer facilities required to serve new development within the city, by imposing such a fee on those responsible for new development.
 - b. *PLDSI fee* or *PLDSI fees* shall refer to land development impact fees that were charged and collected pursuant to the prior version of subsection 50-77(b), and, more specifically, to land development impact fees charged and collected pursuant to the following ordinances of the city: Ordinance No. 2004-1484, Ordinance No. 2006-1615, Ordinance No. 2007-1654, and Ordinance No. 2014-1914.
- (2) Unless as otherwise stated in this subsection (a):
 - a. A LDSI fee shall be owed and payable prior to every installation of a water meter relating to the water system, by the owner(s) of the property upon which the meter is situated (or by someone on their behalf); and

b. No water meter shall be installed and connected to the water system for which a LDSI fee is required by this subsection (a) until that LDSI fee has been paid in full.

(3) The amount of the LDSI fee will be based on the capacity of water flow that the water meter will allow, as depicted in the following table:

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Amount of Fee</u>	<u>Amount of Fee - effective</u> <u>October 1, 2027</u>	<u>Amount of Fee – effective October 1</u> <u>2028</u>
$\leq \frac{5}{8}$ inch	\$2,091.00	\$3,137.00	\$3,796.00
> $\frac{5}{8}$ inch— $\frac{3}{4}$ inch	\$3,137.00	\$4,706.00	\$5,694.00
> $\frac{3}{4}$ inch—1 inch	\$5,228.00	\$7,843.00	\$9,490.00
>1 inch—1½ inches	\$10,455.00	\$15,685.00	\$18,980.00
>1½ inches—2 inches	\$16,728.00	\$25,096.00	\$30,368.00
>2 inches—3 inches	\$33,456.00	\$50,192.00	\$60,736.00
>3 inches—4 inches	\$52,275.00	\$78,425.00	\$94,900.00
>4 inches—6 inches	\$104,550.00	\$156,850.00	\$189,800.00
>6 inches—8 inches	\$167,280.00	\$250,960.00	\$303,680.00

(4) Where there is a proposed subdivision of real property within the city, the LDSI fee will be owed and paid by the property owner (or by someone on their behalf) prior to the manager of the water and sewer department's signature (or his designee's signature) upon and approval of the final plat of the subdivision. The LDSI fee will be based on the reasonably anticipated number and capacity of new water meters that are proposed to be installed within the subdivision, as represented in writing by the property owner to the water and sewer department prior to the determination of the amount of the LDSI fee by the water and sewer department.

(5) Where there is a proposed site plan within the city, the LDSI fee will be owed and paid by the property owner (or someone on their behalf) prior to the water and sewer department's approval of the site plan. The LDSI fee will be based on the reasonably anticipated number and capacity of new water meters that are proposed to be installed within the proposed site plan area, as represented in writing by the property owner to the water and sewer department prior to the determination of the amount of the LDSI fee by the water and sewer department.

(6) After the payment of a LDSI fee pursuant to [subsections] (4) or (5), should a person seek to install a water meter(s) on a property that exceed(s) the number or capacity of the water meter(s) previously represented in writing to the water and sewer department for the same property, then an additional LDSI fee shall be owed and payable prior to the installation of the water meter(s). The amount of the additional LDSI fee shall be determined by the water and sewer department, taking into account the LDSI fee that would be owed with respect to the new water meter(s) to be installed, and the amount of the LDSI fee previously paid for the water meter(s) that were previously represented for the same property.

(7) If a PLDSI fee was previously collected by the city with respect to a residential lot, then a LDSI fee shall not be owed with respect to the installation of a water meter on that same lot; except that if in the reasonable judgment of the water and sewer department, the installation of a water meter on such lot will result in an increase in water capacity beyond either:

- a. The prior capacity of any water meters that were previously located on the lot at the time of the completion of the original residential structure(s) thereon; or
- b. The capacity of the water meters at the lot as previously represented to the water and sewer department at the approximate time that the PLDSI fee was paid for the lot, then, in such event, an additional LDSI fee shall be owed and payable prior to the installation of the water meter.

The amount of the additional LDSI fee shall be determined by the water and sewer department, taking into account the LDSI fee that would be owed with respect to the new water meter(s) to be installed, and the amount of the PLDSI fee previously paid with respect to the same property.

(8) If a PLDSI fee was previously collected by the city with respect to an apartment complex unit, apartment complex on-site laundry area, or apartment complex office area, then a LDSI fee shall not be owed with respect to the installation of a water meter on that same unit or area; except that if in the reasonable judgment of the water and sewer department, the installation of a water meter on such unit or area will result in an increase in water capacity beyond either:

- a. The prior capacity of any water meters that were previously located at the unit or area at the time of the completion of the original apartment complex; or

- b. The capacity of the water meters at the unit or area as previously represented to the water and sewer department at the approximate time that the PLDSI fee was paid for the unit or area, then in such event, an additional LDSI fee shall be owed and payable prior to the installation of the water meter.

The amount of the additional LDSI fee shall be determined by the water and sewer department, taking into account the LDSI fee that would be owed with respect to the new water meter(s) to be installed, and the amount of the PLDSI fee previously paid with respect to the same property.

- (9) If a PLDSI fee was previously collected by the city with respect to a tract or lot for a commercial, industrial, and/or other development, then a LDSI fee shall not be owed with respect to the installation of a water meter on that same tract or lot; except that if in the reasonable judgment of the water and sewer department, the installation of a water meter on such tract or lot will result in an increase in water capacity beyond either:

- a. The prior capacity of any water meters that were previously located on such tract or lot at the time of the completion of the original development that was subject to the PLDSI fee; or
- b. The capacity of the water meters at the development as previously represented to the water and sewer department at the approximate time that the PLDSI fee was paid for the commercial, industrial, and/or other development, then in such event, an additional LDSI fee shall be owed and payable prior to the installation of the water meter.

The amount of the additional LDSI fee shall be determined by the water and sewer department, taking into account the LDSI fee that would be owed with respect to the new water meter(s) to be installed, and the amount of the PLDSI fee previously paid with respect to the same property.

- (10) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a LDSI fee shall not be required to be paid with respect to the replacement of a water meter (that was installed in accordance with all city ordinances, rules and regulations then in effect, and a part of a system that was previously lawfully connected to the sewer system) that has been damaged, destroyed, removed, or no longer functions, unless the installation of the new water meter results in an increase in water capacity as compared to the prior capacity of the replaced water meter, and in such case, the amount of the LDSI fee owed shall be the difference between the LDSI fee that would be owed with respect to the new meter size minus the LDSI fee that would be owed with respect to the size of the replaced meter, as determined by the water and sewer department.

- (11) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a LDSI fee shall not be required to be paid with respect to a water meter that, in the reasonable judgment of the water and sewer department, is not connected to, designed to be, or intended to be connected to a system that utilizes the sewer system. However, if such a LDSI fee is not paid with respect to such a water meter, then if the sewer system is to be connected to such a system, then a LDSI fee shall be owed with respect to the water meter prior to the connection of the related system to the sewer system.

- (12) Where city water service to a property has been discontinued or terminated, but the water meter remains in place and functional, no LDSI fee shall be required upon the restoration of the same city water service to that property using the same meter size.

- (13) Where a property is or will be connected to a water system other than the city's water system (such as the water system of the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority), a LDSI fee shall be owed and payable prior to any connection of that property's water lines/facilities to the sewer system (or use of the same, if it was connected after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived), by the owner(s) of the property upon which the meter is situated (or by someone on their behalf); and no such connection to the sewer system shall be installed and connected (or continued, if connected after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived) for which a LDSI fee is required by this subsection (a) until that LDSI fee has been paid in full. In such cases, the amount of the LDSI fee will be based on the capacity of water flow that the water meter connected to the water system other than the city's water system will allow.

- (14) Where one metered water tap serving multiple structures and/or properties is replaced by new multiple metered water taps serving the same structures and/or properties, then no LDSI fee shall be required with respect to the new meters, so long as:

- a. The manager of the water and sewer department does not reasonably anticipate that the installation of the new taps will be accompanied by a substantial increase in demand for water service from the same structures and/or properties as compared to the historical demand from those structures and/or properties when occupied; and

b. The service to multiple structures and/or properties was not installed in violation of any city ordinance or regulation of the water and sewer department.

(b) *Building construction sewer impact fees.*

- (1) Every new structure that has wastewater drainage to the sewer system shall pay a building construction sewer impact fee per plumbing fixture. With respect to the same:
 - a. For purposes of this subsection (b), a "plumbing fixture" means and shall include sinks, lavatories, dishwashers, clothes washers, all trapped floor drains, industrial and/or manufacturing process water drains, bath tubs, separate showers, commodes, bidets, and any other item that will discharge wastewater to the sewer system.
 - b. This building construction sewer impact fee is due and payable to the water and sewer department prior to the issuance of a building permit, or prior to the structure's connection with the sewer system, whichever comes first.
- (2) Every remodeling or addition to an existing structure that adds plumbing fixtures shall pay a building construction sewer impact fee for each added plumbing fixture.
- (3) The amount of the building construction sewer impact fee shall be \$142.50 per plumbing fixture, except that: (i) effective October 1, 2027, it shall increase to \$213.75 per plumbing fixture; and (ii) effective October 1, 2028, it shall increase to \$258.64 per plumbing fixture.
- (4) If the sewer system is to be connected to a structure that was not previously served by that system, then building construction sewer impact fees shall be due and payable with respect to the structure prior to its connection to the sewer system.

(c) *Sanitary sewer tapping fees.*

- (1) It is the requirement of the water and sewer department that a sanitary sewer tap be provided by the developer at his expense for each lot when new subdivisions are being platted. The water and sewer department inspects the tap and the public service line, and also inspects the plumber-installed service line from the building foundation out to the public right-of-way. Water and sewer department personnel are responsible for cutting the public and private cleanouts to finished grade and installing sealed caps and protective ductile iron covers upon request from the builder or homeowner so to do. For these services, there shall be a sanitary sewer tapping fee paid to the water and sewer department as follows:

Four-inch pre-taps	\$349.00
Six-inch pre-taps	\$559.00

Such fee shall be paid simultaneously with the tap fees for potable water service.

- (2) Where the water and sewer department provides a service tap on an existing sewer or a newly constructed sewer to serve either existing or future development, the following sanitary sewer tapping fees, based on depth of excavation, size of tap, and type of surface restoration, shall apply and be due to the water and sewer department:

For excavations	less than or equal to 8 feet	
Tap size	4 inches	6 inches
Into dirt and sod	\$1,687.00	\$1,945.00
Through pavement	\$3,207.00	\$3,468.00

Such fee shall be paid prior to the tap installation. For excavations of greater than eight feet in depth, the developer must utilize a qualified general contractor, acceptable to the water and sewer department.

- (3) The amounts of the sanitary sewer tapping fees set forth in subsections 50-77(c)(2) and (3) will increase by three percent annually, commencing on October 1, 2023.
 - (4) At any time in the future when public sanitary sewerage is provided to property not previously served, all sanitary sewer tapping fees with respect to the above shall be due and payable prior to said property actually connecting to the sewer system.
- (d) *Capital infrastructure fund.* All revenue from the fees set forth in subsections 50-77(a) and (b) shall be deposited into a capital infrastructure fund for the water and sewer department with disbursements from that fund only by resolution of the city council. All revenue from the fees set forth in subsection 50-77(c) shall be deposited in the annual operating budget for the water and sewer department.

- (e) *Rules.* The manager of the water and sewer department is authorized to issue directives, rules, and regulations concerning the application and enforcement of this section.
- (f) *City exemption.* The city is exempt from the payment of any of the fees set forth in this section.

Section 6. Section 50-78 of the *Code of Ordinances, City of Athens, Alabama* is hereby amended so that it reads as follows:

SECTION 1.5 Sec. 50-78. Land development water impact fees.

- (a) *Definitions.* As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

LDWI fee shall mean a land development water impact fee, which is a fee that is designed to assist the city in providing new or expanded public water facilities required to serve new development within the city, by imposing such a fee on those responsible for new development.

PLDWI fee or *PLDWI fees* shall refer to meter impact fees that were charged and collected pursuant to the prior version of section 50-78, and, more specifically, to meter impact fees charged and collected pursuant to the following ordinances of the city: Ordinance No. 2005-1552, Ordinance No. 2006-1666, Ordinance No. 2014-1913.

- (b) Unless as otherwise stated in this section:

- (1) A LDWI fee shall be owed and payable prior to every installation of a water meter relating to the water system, the connection to a pre-tapped meter set relating to the water system, or to the connection of an unmetered fire line tap to the water system, by the owner(s) of the property upon which the meter is situated (or by someone on their behalf); and
- (2) No water meter shall be installed and connected to the water system, no connection shall be made to a pre-tapped meter set relating to the water system, and no connection shall be made of an unmetered fire line tap to the water system, for which a LDWI fee is required by this section until that LDWI fee has been paid in full.

- (c) Unless as otherwise stated in this section, for metered connections to the water system, the amount of the LDWI fee will be based on the capacity of water flow that the water meter will allow, as depicted in the following table:

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Amount of Fee</u>	<u>Amount of Fee – Effective October 1, 2027</u>	<u>Amount of Fee – effective October 1, 2028</u>
$\leq \frac{5}{8}$ inch	\$1,388.00	\$2,082.00	\$2,520.00
> $\frac{5}{8}$ inch— $\frac{3}{4}$ inch	\$2,082.00	\$3,123.00	\$3,780.00
> $\frac{3}{4}$ inch—1 inch	\$3,470.00	\$5,205.00	\$6,300.00
>1 inch—1½ inches	\$6,940.00	\$10,410.00	\$12,600.00
>1½ inches—2 inches	\$11,104.00	\$16,656.00	\$20,160.00
>2 inches—3 inches	\$22,208.00	\$33,312.00	\$40,320.00
>3 inches—4 inches	\$34,700.00	\$52,050.00	\$63,000.00
>4 inches—6 inches	\$69,400.00	\$104,100.00	\$126,000.00
>6 inches—8 inches	\$111,040.00	\$166,560.00	\$201,600.00

LDWI fees for metered connections to the water shall be paid prior to opening a metered connection to the water system, concurrent with the payment of water tapping fees imposed by section 50-67.

- (d) For unmetered fire line tap connections to the water system, the amount of the LDWI fee will be as follows:

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Amount of Fee</u>
2 inch tap	\$3,368.00
4 inch tap	\$3,802.00
6 inch tap	\$4,346.00
8 inch tap	\$4,997.00
10 inch tap	\$5,758.00
12 inch tap	\$6,626.00

LDWI fees for unmetered fire line tap connections will be due and payable to the water and wastewater department prior to securing an unmetered fire line tap.

- (e) A LDWI fee shall not be required to be paid with respect to the replacement of a water meter (that was installed in accordance with all city ordinances, rules and regulations then in effect, and a part of a system that was previously lawfully connected to the water system) that has been damaged, destroyed, removed, or no longer functions, unless the installation of the new water meter results in an increase in water capacity as compared to the prior capacity of the replaced water meter, and in such case, the amount of the LDWI fee owed shall be the difference between the LDWI fee that would be owed with respect to the new meter size minus the LDWI fee that would be owed with respect to the size of the replaced meter, as determined by the water and sewer department.
- (f) Where one metered water tap serving multiple structures and/or properties is replaced by new multiple metered water taps serving the same structures and/or properties, then no LDWI fee shall be required with respect to the new meters, so long as:
 - (1) The manager of the water and sewer department does not reasonably anticipate that the installation of the new taps will be accompanied by a substantial increase in demand for water service from the same structures and/or properties as compared to the historical demand from those structures and/or properties when occupied; and
 - (2) The service to multiple structures and/or properties was not installed in violation of any city ordinance or regulation of the water and sewer department.
- (g) Where city water service to a property has been discontinued or terminated, but the water meter remains in place and functional, no LDWI fee shall be required upon the restoration of the same city water service to that property using the same meter size.
- (h) If a PLDWI fee was previously collected by the city with respect to a water meter, then a LDWI fee shall not be owed with respect to the installation of that water meter.
- (i) *Capital infrastructure fund.* All revenue from the LDWI fees shall be deposited into a capital infrastructure fund for the water and sewer department with disbursements from that fund only by resolution of the city council.
- (j) *Rules.* The manager of the water and sewer department is authorized to issue directives, rules, and regulations concerning the application and enforcement of this section 50-78.
- (k) *City exemption.* The city is exempt from the payment of any of the LDWI fees.

Section 7. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 8. No other provisions of the City Code are amended by this Ordinance, unless specifically stated and referenced herein.

Section 9. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens* as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered as necessary to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall be published and then shall go into effect on April 1, 2026, except that the new rates set forth in Section 5 and Section 6 of this Ordinance shall not apply to properties that are the subject of any application for preliminary or final plat approval, or of any application for any site plan approval, that has been received by the City and is pending as of April 1, 2026, until after such applications are approved or denied.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Chris Seibert
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

/s/ William R. Marks
MAYOR, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

Councilmember Golden moved that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Henry, and upon the said motion being put to vote the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; 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 Golden seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. Upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Seibert, Creasy, Henry and Golden; NAYS: None. The President thereupon announced that the motion for the adoption of the said resolution had been unanimously carried.

Council President Seibert opened the floor for general public comment on matters pertinent to City business.

Tim Colling, 22686 Regent Drive, Athens, inquired as to the status of a matter involving a City of Athens employee's misappropriation of public funds. City Attorney Shane Black responded to Mr. Colling and stated that the matter is under investigation by an agency outside of the City and for that reason, the City cannot comment on the matter.

Scott Marshall, 212 East Street, Athens, requested that the City and County address the recycling and come up with a proposal for a solution that doesn't depend on another entity (the City of Decatur).

Elona Finney, 2014 Levert Avenue, Athens, addressed the City Council regarding issues with her neighbor's dogs.

Kelly Range, 303 Brookwood Drive, Athens, inquired about the availability of the City's summer water program, in light of the adoption of the ordinance to increase water and sewer rates.

David Malone, 1300 Somerest Drive, Athens, addressed the City Council regarding downed trees on the property adjacent to the Trinity School property.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, Council President Seibert duly and properly adjourned the meeting.

/s/ Chris Seibert
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

/s/ Annette Barnes
CITY CLERK