



**City of Athens Planning Commission – Annual Meeting
October 18, 2016**

Work Session at 5:00 p.m. and Regular Meeting at 5:45 p.m.
Location – City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Hobbs St. West

CALL TO ORDER.

1. MINUTES.

- a. Regular meeting of September 20, 2016 for approval

NEW BUSINESS

REZONINGS, ANNEXATIONS, DEANNEXATIONS.

1. **Public Hearing.** Request of City of Athens and Limestone County Board of Education to rezone approximately 51.5 acres located at 1510 and 1600 Elm St. West from AG Agricultural to INST Institutional District.
2. **Resolution.** Grant the request of City of Athens and Limestone County Board of Education to rezone approximately 51.5 acres located at 1510 and 1600 Elm St. West from AG Agricultural to INST Institutional District.

SUBDIVISIONS

3. **Public Hearing.** Request of Health Care Authority of Athens and Limestone County for Preliminary and Final Plat Approval of A Resubdivision of Lots 7 & 8 of Athens – Limestone Medical Village, a minor subdivision (2 lots) consisting of 6.07 acres located on Wellness Lane in a B-2 District.
4. **Resolution.** Grant the request of Health Care Authority of Athens and Limestone County for Preliminary and Final Plat Approval of A Resubdivision of Lots 7 & 8 of Athens – Limestone Medical Village, a minor subdivision (2 lots) consisting of 6.07 acres located on Wellness Lane in a B-2 District.

CONDITIONAL USES

5. **Public Hearing.** Request of Johnson and Associates to construct a high intensity institutional use (outpatient surgery center) on property located on the south side of U.S. Hwy 72 west of Pike Road in a B-2 General Business District.
6. **Resolution.** Grant the request of Johnson and Associates to construct a high intensity institutional use (outpatient surgery center) on property located on the south side of U.S. Hwy 72 west of Pike Road in a B-2 General Business District.

SITE PLANS.

None

ZONING ORDINANCE.

7. **Discussion.** Initial presentation of a proposed new Zoning Ordinance to the Commission.

8. **Resolution.** Set a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed new Zoning Ordinance.

ANNUAL BUSINESS.

9. **Review and Revision of Bylaws.**
10. **Election of Officers**

CITY OF ATHENS PLANNING COMMISSION **Public Hearing Procedure**

- During the course of a Planning Commission Meeting whenever an application that requires a public hearing (zoning, re-zoning, conditional use, certain subdivisions of property, etc. . . .) appears on the Commission's agenda, the Chair will declare the same and introduce the application to the Commission and citizens who are in attendance.
- The Chair will proceed through each scheduled public hearing as follows:
 - Staff will provide an explanation of the case and a recommendation.
 - Applicant will be given an opportunity to address the commission and should limit their comments to **less than ten (10) minutes.**
 - When a public hearing is slated, the Chair will open the hearing for public input.
 - Members of the public, having been recognized, **will be allowed three (3) minutes** each to address the Commission (unless the Chairman specifies otherwise).
NOTE: Large groups may wish to, but are not required to, appoint a spokesperson for the group, in which case the Chair may grant the spokesperson additional time to speak.
 - Generally, those desiring to speak "for" the request will be allowed to speak first, followed by those desiring to speak "against" the request.
 - Persons wishing to speak should raise their hand to be recognized by the Chairman. Once recognized, please stand and state your name and address.
 - Comments should be concise and limited to issues related to the request.
 - When the Chairman believes that the Commission has received sufficient citizen input to make a determination on the application, the public hearing will be closed and the applicant and/or the Staff will be given an opportunity to address any issues brought out during public comment.
 - Chairman will then allow Commission members to make comments or ask questions of anyone present to clarify issues or provide additional information.
 - The Chairman will call for a motion and a second on the motion. Commission members may speak to the motion, any amendments, or points of parliamentary procedure.
 - If a motion is forthcoming, a voice vote will be taken. If the decision is not unanimous, then the Chairman will direct a roll call vote.
 - If a motion is NOT forthcoming, the request will be considered "Denied" for lack of a motion.

PLEASE NOTE: The above-procedure is provided to serve as a guideline for the conduct of public hearings. The chairman is not limited and/or constrained by this procedure and, under certain circumstances, may deem it necessary to deviate from this guideline.