



**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Public Hearing: Neighborhood Center Regulations
May 12, 2026, 6:15 p.m.**

The Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen held a public hearing to obtain citizens' input on an ordinance to adopt Neighborhood Center Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. The first consideration took place on April 14, 2026, and notice of this public hearing was published on April 20, 2026.

Present: Mayor Barry Akin, Aldermen Chris Detje, Brett Giannini, John Harber, Jeremy Lightsey, Chris Schaeffer, and Jessie Poole.

Also Present: Town Administrator Marc Woerner, Town Recorder Rachel Covarrubias, Police Chief Anthony Rudolph, Fire Chief Bill Scott, Parks Director Dorothy Isbell, Planning Consultant Jim Atkinson, Public Works Director Wesley Yarbrough and attached list.

Absent: None

Mayor Akin called the public hearing to order at 6:18 p.m.

No public comments were made.

Alderman Poole made a motion to end the public hearing. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. Public hearing ended at 6:19 p.m.

**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

The invocation was led by Pastor Mark Fisher of Oasis Worship Center. All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Akin at 6:34 p.m.

The Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen met with the following:

Present: Mayor Barry Akin, Aldermen Chris Detje, Brett Giannini, John Harber, Jeremy Lightsey, Jessie Poole and Chris Schaeffer.

Also present: Town Administrator Marc Woerner, Town Recorder Rachel Covarrubias, Town Attorney Amber Shaw, Police Chief Anthony Rudolph, Fire Chief Bill Scott, Parks Director Dorothy Isbell, Planning Consultant Jim Atkinson, Public Works Director Wesley Yarbrough and attached list.

Absent: None





Public Comment:

1. Ross Ebbinghaus at 220 Daisey Lane regarding item breakdown of items on the e-bill. Mr. Ebbinghaus also acknowledged the Police Department for showing up quickly and being very respectful during a recent incident involving a juvenile.
2. Amanda Faurbo at 110 Michael Avenue stated that the apartment complex is considered affordable housing not section 8. Mrs. Faurbo also stated that Alderman Harber shouldn't be appointed to the Planning Commission as it is a conflict of interest because he is a contractor.
3. Walker Adams at 260 Kearns Circle provided a county update regarding going to a 4-year reappraisal from a 6-year reappraisal. This is to better capture change in property in shorter period.
4. Paul Scott at 157 Mable Lane owns Train Foundry and is inquiring about do the "Murph Workout" on Memorial Day. Alderman Giannini made a motion to allow for road closure if needed. Alderman Detje seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – Exhibits A through Exhibit H – Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 26-05-01 – TCRS Contribution Rate – Exhibit B – Alderman Giannini made a motion in the consent agenda to approve. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance 26-05-01 – Final Consideration – FY26 Water Fund Budget Amendment – Exhibit I – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Harber-yes, Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 26-05-02 – Final Consideration – Pool Regulations – Exhibit J – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Harber made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Harber-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 26-05-03 – Final Consideration – Neighborhood Center Regulations – Exhibit K – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. Roll call: Poole-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Detje-yes, Lightsey-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Proclamation – National Garden Week – Exhibit L – Mayor Akin read the proclamation declaring the week of June 7th – 13th, 2026 as National Garden Week. Members of the Tipton Fleur de Lis Garden Club were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness – Exhibit M – Mayor Akin read the proclamation declaring the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Proclamation – Foster Care Awareness – Exhibit N – Mayor Akin read the proclamation declaring the month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month.





Presentation – Donation Requests – Exhibit O – Representatives from The Fostered Gift (\$1,500), Carl Perkins Center (\$2,000), MHS Touchdown Club (\$1,000), and Munford Band Boosters (\$1,500). Alderman Giannini made a motion to come back halfway through the fiscal FY27 year after reviewing financial status. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. Alderman Giannini made a motion to amend the motion to state reevaluate before the second reading of the budget. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Change Order – TAP Grant – Exhibit P – Alderman Detje made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Alderman Schaeffer seconded the motion. Aldermen Detje, Giannini, Harber, Lightsey, and Schaeffer-aye. Alderman Poole-nay. Motion carried.

Bid Award – Roadway Improvement Project – Exhibit Q – The town placed a call for bids for roadway improvement. The town received two bids by the deadline. Staff recommend awarding the bid to Climer Paving LLC in the amount of \$277,353.00. Alderman Poole made a motion to award the bid to Climer Paving, LLC in the amount of \$277,353.00. Alderman Schaeffer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

1. **Ordinance – First Consideration – FY 2027 Budget – Exhibit R** – The Board had no objection to the ordinance being read by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Harber made a motion to approve the ordinance on first consideration. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Poole-yes, Detje-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Harber-yes, Giannini-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance – First Consideration – FY 2027 Water and Sewer Rates – Exhibit S** – The Board had no objection to the ordinance being read by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the ordinance on first consideration. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. Roll call: Giannini-yes, Harber-no, Schaeffer-yes, Detje-yes, Poole-yes, Lightsey-no. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance – First Consideration – Special Events – Exhibit T** – The Board had no objection to the ordinance being read by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Schaeffer made a motion to approve the ordinance on first consideration. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Poole-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Giannini-no, Harber-no. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items from the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Town Administrator

1. **Walker Condemnation** – Alderman Harber made a motion for legal to attempt settlement within 90 days; if unresolved after 90 days, authority is given to proceed with further action. Alderman Detje seconded the motion. Aldermen Detje, Harber, Lightsey, Schaeffer, and Poole-aye. Aldermen Giannini-nay. Motion carried.
2. Alderman Schaeffer requested staff to investigate Tennessee's property tax freeze for residents 65+ and income qualified.
3. Alderman Detje thanked and recognized the men and women of the USS Ford Battle Group for completing the longest naval deployment in US history.
4. Mayor Akin made announcements regarding the following: Cops and Bobbers fishing event will be held on May 16th at Pioneer Park starting at 7:00 a.m. Atoka Parks and Rec along with the City of Munford will be hosting a Festival of Hope fundraiser for the Carl Perkins Center May 30th at Phoenix Theater from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can receive your utility bill by email, it doesn't change how you pay only how you receive your bill, it's a great way to help save around \$20,000 for the town. Roosters are not allowed within the town limits of Atoka.



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5. Mayor Akin congratulated Clayton Dancy, Cody Otasowie and Colton White on their graduation from the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy.
6. Mayor Akin advised that the town has been awarded an additional \$275,000 for the modifications to Main Street lift station and Kearns Lift station. These additional grant funds are in addition to the \$8,192,350 that the town was originally awarded. Alderman Giannin made a motion to accept the additional funds. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Administrator Woerner recognized Rachel Covarrubias, Wesley Yarbrough, and Tom Langford for their recent graduation from the Total Leadership Program. Mr. Woerner also recognized Fire Chief Scott for his selection to be the chairman of the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. These accomplishments speak volumes of the efforts that our staff goes through to bring those skills back to Atoka. The Town Hall monument sign faces should be updated in the next few weeks.
8. Director Isbell informed the Board that in June there will be a contract for the Board's consideration for TSA to begin in the fall. Director Isbell also stated that adaptive sports started last week with 44 kids signed up.

Alderman Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Barry L. Akin, Mayor



Rachel Covarrubias, Town Recorder

