



**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
June 9, 2025, 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 the Town of Atoka's fiscal year 2027 budget. The first consideration of the ordinance took place on May 12, 2026, and notice of this public hearing was published on May 21, 2026.

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, Public Works Director Wesley Yarbrough and attached list.

Absent: None

Mayor Akin called the public hearing to order at 6:16 p.m.

There were no comments regarding the fiscal year 2027 budget.

Alderman Giannini made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The public hearing ended at 6:17 p.m.

**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

The invocation was led by Pastor Robert Chumley of City of Refuge Church. 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, Public Works Director Wesley Yarbrough and attached list.

Absent: None

Public Comment:

1. Pam Givens at 588 Williamsburg expressed frustration stating that it felt like the community wasn't informed that the apartment complex was low income and HUD housing. Mayor Akin stated that the apartments or any





development can't be denied by the Board based on whether financial assistance programs or tax credits were used by the developer.

Consent Agenda – Exhibits A through Exhibit M – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the consent agenda except for Exhibits C, D, and E. These items will be moved to new business of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 26-06-01 – Calling a Municipal Election – Exhibit B – Alderman Poole made a motion in the consent agenda to approve. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 26-06-02 – Approving Annual Municipal Software Agreement – Exhibit F – Alderman Poole made a motion in the consent agenda to approve. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 26-06-03 – Approval TSA Contract – Exhibit G – Alderman Poole made a motion in the consent agenda to approve. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance 26-06-01 – Final Consideration – Adopting the FY 2027 Budget – Exhibit N – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration with amending the donations to allocate an additional \$10,000 be added to the budget and in January the Board will listen to all presentations of those requesting. Alderman Detje seconded the motion. Roll call: Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes, Harber-yes, Detje-yes, Lightsey-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 26-06-02 – Final Consideration – Adopting FY 2027 Water and Sewer Rates – Exhibit O – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Detje made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. Roll call: Poole-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Giannini-no, Haber-no, Detje-yes, Lightsey-no, Mayor Akin-yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 26-06-03 – Final Consideration – Special Events – Exhibit P – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Lightsey made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Harber-no, Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution – 26-06-04 Approval of FEMA Grant Submission – Fire Prevention and Safety – Exhibit C – Alderman Harber made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution – 26-06-05 – Approval of FEMA Grant Submission – SCBA – Exhibit D – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution – 26-06-06 – Approval of FEMA Grant Submission – Command Unit – Exhibit E – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Schaeffer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

RFQ Award – Engineering and Design Firm – Nancy Lane Park – Exhibit Q – The town placed a call for request of qualifications. The town received three statements of qualification by the deadline. Staff recommend awarding the engineering and design to Fisher Arnold. Alderman Poole made a motion to award the engineering and design to Fisher Arnold. Alderman Schaeffer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.





Ordinances and Resolutions:

1. **Ordinance – First Consideration – FY 2026 Budget Amendment – 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, Detje-yes, Harber-yes, Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution – 26-06-07 – Approval of Raise – Exhibit S** – Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution – Annual Fee Structure Review for the Town of Atoka – Exhibit T** – Alderman Harber made a motion to postpone approval until the special called meeting on June 16, 2026. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

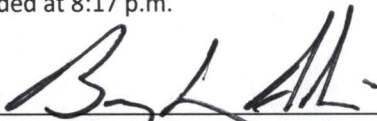
Miscellaneous Items from the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Town Administrator

1. Mayor Akin advised that the Town has been informed of being awarded \$180,000 from FEMA for the replacement of Elizabeth Drive culvert. Mayor Akin also reminded everyone that June 6th was the 82nd anniversary of D-Day and June 1st was the 230th anniversary of Tennessee statehood.
2. Alderman Schaeffer mentioned that a citizen has reached out about there being trash in the ditches at Tracy Road.
3. Administrator Woerner advised that there are ongoing discussions about municipal environmental courts. Progress is pending interlocal agreements and MTAS/CTAS guidance.
4. Alderman Poole inquired on the status of launching ClearGov software. Recorder Covarrubias informed the Board that a meeting was scheduled to ensure that everything was aligned for the most transparency and accuracy.
5. Mayor Akin and Aldermen thanked staff and directors in supporting the budget process and municipal operations.

Alderman Poole made a motion to go into legal session. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. The legal session began at 7:42 p.m. and ended at 8:16 p.m.

Alderman Poole made a motion for staff to receive additional quotes for second appraisals for the parcels affected by the roundabout at Main Street and then proceed with the most reasonable. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.


Barry L. Akin, Mayor


Rachel Covarrubias, Town Recorder

