



**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

The invocation was led by Pastor Steve Carpenter of Gateway Baptist Church. All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Akin at 6:36 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. Andrew Suter at 37 Vernon informed the Board of the dangers of trying to turn from Meade Lake Road to Atoka Idaville Road.
2. Henry Suter at 37 Vernon inquired about the Industrial Development Board agenda and packet being on the new website. Mr. Suter was informed that staff are still in the process of updating information.
3. Stephanie Bohrmann at 125 Adkison Circle inquired if Atoka will be doing anything to celebrate Atoka's 150th anniversary and the Nation's 250th anniversary. Mrs. Bohrmann also stated that new development could overshadow the older parts of Atoka.

Consent Agenda – Exhibits A through Exhibit H – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the consent agenda except for Exhibit B. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 26-02-01 – Modifying Nancy Lane Park Rules for Atoka BBQ Fest – Exhibit C – Alderman Poole made a motion in the consent agenda to approve. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 26-01-02 – Approval of Rescue Squad Grant Application – Exhibit B – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the resolution with the modifying the title to state Tennessee Fire Marshall's Office. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Presentation – Firefighter and Reserve Firefighter of the Year – Mayor Akin and Fire Chief Bill Scott recognized Jared Baker as the Reserve Firefighter of the Year. Mayor Akin and Chief Scott recognized Phillip Bingham as the Firefighter of the Year.

Presentation – Lieutenant Promotion – Mayor Akin administered the Fire Lieutenant Oath of Office to Donny Phillips.





Presentation – FY25 Audit Report – Matt Wood, CPA with ATA Advisory, LLC presented the annual audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

1. **Ordinance – First Consideration – Solid Waste Fees – 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 first consideration. Alderman Detje seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Harber-yes, Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-no, Poole-yes. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 26-02-03 – Approving Amending the Municipal Solid Waste Agreement – Exhibit K** – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. **Debt Report – Town of Atoka 2026 – Exhibit L** – Administrator Woerner reviewed the report as presented. No action needed, information only.
2. Mayor Akin reminded the Board and citizens of the e-bill option that the Town offers as a small way to help the Town save money. Mayor Akin stated that he has received numerous compliments from citizens regarding Public Works during the snow/ice storm.
3. Alderman Harber inquired about the policy for mailing vendor checks. Staff advised that the policy follows the internal control policy.
4. Mayor Akin reminded everyone of the Food Truck Festival that will be on March 14, 2026, from 11am – 5pm.
5. Alderman Giannini thanked the Police and Fire for the work that was put in during the ice/snowstorm.
6. Alderman Lightsey inquired about the status of the opening of Walker Parkway. Director Yarbrough advised that paving would begin on Thursday, February 19th.
7. Alderman Poole requested a copy of the amortization schedule for the new fire apparatus.
8. Alderman Detje inquired what the status of FEMA assistance. Director Yarbrough advised that the county met the threshold and we are in the beginning stages.

Alderman Poole made a motion to go into legal session. Alderman Detje seconded. All in favor. Legal session began at 7:52 pm and ended at 8:20 pm.

Alderman Poole made a motion that a letter stating the grievances of the Board of Mayor and Alderman be drafted and presented by the Mayor to the IDB. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.


Barry L. Akin, Mayor


Rachel Covarrubias, Town Recorder

