



**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

The invocation was led by Reverend Altra Williams of St. John's Missionary Baptist 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, Chris Schaeffer and Jessie Poole.

Also present: Town Administrator Marc Woerner, Planning Clerk Carla Grisham, 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. Bill Austin voiced concerns regarding the drainage ditch being overgrown between 741-831 Walker Parkway. Mr. Austin also inquired about the spring that has been on Harper Street as well as weeds across from the fire station and posts with no signs on Walker Parkway.
2. Stephanine Bohrman stated that she doesn't believe the minutes from the July 14th meeting to be accurate for her public comment.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appointments – Industrial Development Board – Alderman Schaeffer made a motion to appoint Danny Feldmayer and Brook Taylor to the Industrial Development Board. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution – 26-08-01 – Approval of Capital Outlay Note – Exhibit B – Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the resolution for the three (3) year term. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting – July 14, 2026 – Exhibit A – No action was taken. Board recommended staff review the recording.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

1. **Ordinance – First Consideration – Sign Approvals – Exhibit I** – 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 Lightsey seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Harber-yes, Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.





2. **Resolution – 26-08-02 – FY27 Budget Amendment – Exhibit J** – Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Poole seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution – 26-08-03 – Acceptance of Building Donation – Exhibit K** – Alderman Detje made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.
4. **Resolution – 26-08-04 – Shared Stormwater Agreement – Exhibit L** – Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Mayor Akin highly encouraged residents to sign up for e-billing, this feature does not change how you choose to pay your bill it is only how you receive your monthly utility bill and ACH payment that will draft from your account if you choose to sign up.
2. Alderman Harber recognized the Boy Scouts that were in attendance as part of the badge completion.
3. Mayor Akin recognized Bill McClain, Civilian Traffic Aide for the Town. Mayor Akin stated that Mr. Bill always shows up ready to do the job no matter what, rain or shine.
4. Alderman Giannini thanked Town staff for all their hard work.
5. Administrator Woerner advised the Board of the following: Staff have received the certified tax rate of .7691, the tax rate that was adopted was .7685. The approved water and sewer rates will be reflected on August 25th billing. The West Tennessee Regional Utility Authority and the Joint Venture will be meeting on Thursday, August 13th at 10 a.m. The Munford Lagoon wastewater project is approximately 90% complete with a hopeful punch list scheduled for August 20th.

Alderman Poole made a motion to recess the meeting to enter legal session. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting recessed at 7:26 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

1. Alderman Poole made a motion to send a letter to inform subcontractors of the money regarding the culvert. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Alderman Poole made a motion to send a letter waiver to PEP Partners so that both towns can be represented by the same party. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Alderman Giannini made a motion to amend the agenda. Alderman Detje seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Alderman Giannini made a motion to allow Alderman Poole to reach out informally on behalf of the Board. Alderman Giannini withdrew his motion.
5. Alderman Detje made a motion to allow Alderman Poole to speak on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to the family member to report back to the Town attorney with a deadline of a week. Alderman Schaeffer seconded the motion. Aldermen Detje, Harber, Schaeffer, Lightsey-yes, Giannini-yes, Poole-abstain. Further actions will be discussed at the September Board meeting.



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6. Alderman Giannini made a motion requiring all non-emergency vehicles, with the exception of undercover police vehicles to have the Town of Atoka standard size emblem on both doors within 30 days. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.
7. Alderman Giannini made a motion that administrators and department directors all work 5 days a week, 8 hours a day. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. Roll call: Poole-yes, Schaeffer-no, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Detje-no, Lightsey-yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.


Barry L. Akin, Mayor


Rachel Covarrubias, Town Recorder

