

The Athens City Council Meeting Monday January 13, 2025

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday January 13, 2025. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Kyra Leinberger , Alderman Greg Hoffman, Alderman Kevin Puma and Alderman Angella Thompson were present. Also in attendance was City Clerk Rhonda Ethell.

All present participated in the pledge of allegiance

Ginger Newingham gave the library report. Asked the council to consider helping to pay for 3 new public computers. Was quoted \$4,250 for all 3 computers and they have built in \$700 into the budget for new computers. She advised of the upcoming events at the library. She gave statistics on the library's numbers for the different programs offered for 2024.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to approve the treasurer, public works, police, library, and office managers reports. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve the paying of bills. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Leinberger and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve the meeting minutes from Committee Meeting 12/05/24, and Council Meeting 12/09/24, Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Chernowsky to approve Ordinance #08-2024 – AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND A MUNICIPAL GROCERY SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, ILLINOIS. Motion was roll called, Alderman Thompson and Lantz voted no, Alderman Chernowsky, Puma, Leinberger, and Hoffman voted aye. Motion passed 4-2.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma to accept the bid from Central Illinois Tree Service for a 3-year contract for city wide tree trimming. Motion was roll called, Alderman Thompson and Hoffman voted no. Alderman Chernowsky, Puma, Lantz, Leinberger voted aye. Motion passed 4-2.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to accept the bid from A-Team Disposal for a 3-year contract for city wide garbage service. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Mayors Comments:

None

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.