

## **The Athens City Council Committee Meeting Thursday March 13, 2025**

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Thursday March 13, 2025. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Kyra Leinberger, Alderman Greg Hoffman, and Alderman Angella Thompson were present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Rhonda Ethell, Treasurer Derrick Fritz, Deputy Clerk Monica Brumm, Police Chief Ben Harmening, and Librarian Ginger Newingham.

**Public Comment:** Resident Amy Gentry gave public comment.

Chief Harmening gave the police report for February.

Derrick Fritz gave the Treasurer's Report for February.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report for February.

Monica Brumm gave the Office Manager report for February.

Ginger Newingham gave the library report for January.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works:** Nothing to report.

**Internal Affairs:** Nothing to report.

**Commerce & Community Affairs:** Nothing to report.

**Public Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Library:** Nothing to report

**Cemetery:** Cemetery committee met, and discussed budget, farm lease contract, mapping of graves, the mowing contract, benches.

**Liquor:** Discussed changes to liquor ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion was had on Resolution #2025-01R Resolution Supporting Legislation to Save Lincoln's New Salem. Will be put on Monday's agenda for vote.
- Kyle Olsen gave a presentation to the council regarding a new residential development for Athens.
- Discussion on health insurance for city employee changes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussion was had on the costs of the fireworks display, which will be put on Monday's agenda for vote.
- Discussion was had on making changes to liquor ordinance.
- Discussion was had on the Master Plan for the Park

**Mayor's Comments:**

Advised that the annexation meeting wanting to be done on March 26 will not be happening.

He would like each committee to schedule regular meetings and wants them to start soon for budgeting purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.