

The Athens City Council Committee Meeting Thursday June 6, 2024

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Thursday June 6, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Greg Hoffman, Alderman Angella Thompson, and Alderman Rachel Lantz were present. Also in attendance was Public Works Director and Treasurer Derrick Fritz, Village Attorney, John Hoblit, and City Clerk Rhonda Ethell.

Derrick Fritz gave the treasurer's report and provided the council with the account balances and transfers completed.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report. The public works department has been working on cleaning culverts with the new vac truck, had a demo for sludge press which totaled \$350,000. Still working with wells and having them in proper working order, all oil changes have been made on trucks. The F350 truck has a \$2500 repair that needs to be completed. Discussion was had on the water tower maintenance contract; both need to be sand blasted and repainted. Discussion had on the best route to finance all the water projects that need to be completed.

Monica Brumm gave the office manager a report. Advised the council of 8 shut offs for the month of April, sent 158 disconnect notices, and sent out a total of 1704 water bills in the mail this month. Advised that the plans for the 4th of July celebration were underway and being advertised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: Had tree removed that was posing a hazard. Advised they had a great turn out for Memorial Day Decorating. And advised that the mowing contract was finally signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was had on auditor firms and was decided to stay this year with the current auditors.

Mike McCormick said was having drainage issues at his shop and discussion was had on how to resolve it.

Discussion was had on the solar ordinance guidelines that the attorney sent. Council asked to review and turn in suggestions so that an ordinance can be written.

OLD BUSINESS:

A question was asked regarding when the A-Team City Wide Clean Up was going to be. It was advised that it was set for the 3rd week in September.

Discussion was had on the law that was passed removing the 1% grocery tax and how that would impact the city.

The mayor moved to go into executive session at 7:45 to discuss personnel issues as per 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

Executive session ended at 7:56 pm.

Public Comment

Linda Wasilewski wanted to speak about a resident illegally dumping brush into the creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.