**The Athens City Council Committee Meeting**

**Thursday September 5, 2024**

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Wednesday September 5, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Greg Hoffman were present. Alderman Angella Thompson and Alderman Kyra Leinberger were absent. Also in attendance was City Clerk Rhonda Ethell, City Attorney John Hoblit and Derrick Fritz.

Derrick Fritz gave the treasurers report. Advised council that monthly transfers were completed and that the business district has paid for the study that was done.

Derrick Fritz gave the public works report.

Monica Brumm gave the Office Manager’s report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemetery Committee:** Discussion regarding a few more trees that need to be trimmed. Asked that a monthly budget be sent to the Cemetery Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was had on purchasing 3 new laptops for the City from Lloyd IT Services for approximately $4000.00

Discussion was had on forming a park committee to create a long-term vision for the park. Alderman Chernowsky, Alderman Leinberger, Mayor Chris Reichert, Brian Lewis, and Darrin Humphres have volunteered to be on the committee.

Resident Jackie Lindsay spoke to the council regarding lowering the bartending age from 21 to 18. Discussion was had. Will be voted on Monday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was had on the solicitor’s permit ordinance.

**Mayor’s Comments:**

The November 7th meeting needs to be moved to Tuesday November 12th at 6:00 pm.

Discussion was had on City Wide Clean up

**Public Comment**

Question was asked during public comment if Music & Merchants on Main would be happening again this year

Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.