

The Athens City Council Meeting Monday December 9, 2024

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday December 9, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Kyra Leinberger was absent, Alderman Greg Hoffman, and Alderman Angella Thompson were present. Also in attendance was City Clerk Rhonda Ethell.

Paul Eisenbrandt with Toy for Tots was here and gave a brief presentation about Toys for Tots.

Discussion was had regarding making the treasurer's position an appointed position.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve the meeting minutes from Committee Meeting 11/12/24, Council Meeting 11/12/24, and Public Hearing 11/12/24. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma remove dead trees from alley that will be vacated. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve Ordinance #07-2024 - AN ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEY EAST OF 212 W. NORTH GRAND STREET, 908&906 NORTH WILLIAMS STREET, 207 WEST BELL STREET, AND WEST OF 911 & 905 N TAYLOR STREET, 100 WEST BELL STREET. Motion roll called, all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve Ordinance #09-2024 - TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF ROAD DISTRICT NO 13 MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE CORPORATE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024, AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2025. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve Ordinance #10-2024 - TAX LEVY OF CITY OF ATHENS, ILLINOIS FOR THE CORPORATE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024, AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2025. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was had on ordinance #11-2024, discussion on having the 2nd Thursday and the following Monday.

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve Ordinance #11-2024 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CREATING 1-6-3 OF THE ATHENS CITY CODE as amended. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was had on the building code ordinance, the least restrictive.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve Ordinance #12-2024 - AN ORDINANCE REGARDING BASELINE BUILDING CODES. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Puma and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve Resolution #2024-09R - Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve Resolution #2024-10R - Resolution abating the tax heretofore for the year 2024 to pay debt service on \$1,600,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue source series 2016) of the City of Athens, Menard County, Illinois. Motion was roll called all present voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve Resolution #2024-11R - Resolution abating the tax heretofore for the year 2024 to pay debt service on \$1,300,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (alternative revenue source series 2022) of the City of Athens, Menard County Illinois. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve Resolution #2024-12R - Resolution approving the content of certain executive session Meeting Minutes of the City Council of the City of Athens. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion on donation for Toys for Tots.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve donation of \$ 2500.00, Toy's for Tots of Menard County. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion on donation for Athens Lions Club

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lantz to Athens Lions Club for the Christmas Toy Program. Motion was roll called, all present voted aye. Motion passed.

City Wide Tree Trimming contract will be tabled until the January Meeting.

City Wide Garbage Services contract will be tabled until the January Meeting.

Discussion on Toy swap and everyone said was ok with her using the outside.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Mayors Comments:

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.