

Athens City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting ID: 825-300-3670 / Password: Apr9Athens

Mayor Bob Dowell opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Cindy McFarland called roll. Those in attendance were Mayor Bob Dowell, Clerk Cindy McFarland, and Aldermen: Larry Buhr, Amy Chernowsky, Rachel Lantz, Butch Nichols, Chris Reichert, and Angella Thompson. Treasurer Ryan Siefert arrived at 7:12pm. Mayor Dowell said that our City Engineers are meeting with their staff to locate possible grants and to work on our water loss problem. They will also meet with our city staff. Mayor Dowell will share this report with the council.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to approve the police, treasurers', water, sewer, streets and alleys, fleet maintenance, and office manager's reports. Ayes: Buhr, Chernowsky, Lantz, Nichols, Reichert, and Thompson. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Lantz, seconded by Alderman Chernowsky, to approve the December council meeting minutes and the payment of the December bills. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Chernowsky, seconded by Alderman Reichert, to approve the purchase of a new Dodge Durango AWD police vehicle from Nikles of Petersburg for \$38,000 to be paid from LESO funds. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Reichert, to approve the purchase of 100 new water meters and transponders in order to combat water loss. The funds will be borrowed from the water meter deposit account. There will be a two-month water usage audit after the meters are installed to determine if more meters will be purchased. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Nichols, seconded by Alderman Thompson, to adopt Resolution 01-2021, a resolution that a current 2020 levy of \$402,896 be abated in its entirety. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mayor Dowell asked if anyone had any questions. There was discussion about branch pick-up in Country Lake Estates. The Mayor thanked everyone, and the meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.