**The Athens City Council Committee Meeting**

**Thursday February 13, 2025**

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Thursday February 13, 2025. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Greg Hoffman, and Alderman Angella Thompson were present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Rhonda Ethell, Treasurer Derrick Fritz, Police Chief Ben Harmening, and City Attorney John Hoblit.

Greg Hillis with Benton & Associates presented an engineering proposal for a Master Plan for the Athens Community Park in order to secure grant funding for park.

Chief Harmening gave the police report for January.

Derrick Fritz gave the Treasurer’s Report for January.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report for January.

Newingham gave the library report for January.

Mayor Reichert advised that the Office Managers Report was in the packet and that Monica would be available Monday if there were any questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Discussion was had on setting up new committees and it would be discussed further at Monday’s meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Discussion was had on the park proposal presented by Greg Hillis of Benton and Associates.
* Discussion was had on the cost for fireworks for 2025.
  + $12,000 – 12-minute show
  + $15,000 – 15-minute show
  + $20,000 – 20-minute show
* Discussion was had on first review of budget. Mayor Reichert would like, once committees are set, for each committee to set a meeting and review their budget.
* Discussion was had on possible changes to the liquor license ordinance in reference to hours for package liquor sales.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* No old business was discussed.

**Mayor’s Comments**:

The mayor had a recommendation for a possible crosswalk on Main Street at the Corner Cup.

The mayor would like to have an Electronic Recycle Day and a Shred Day and will be checking on pricing.

**Public Comment**

 No public comment

The meeting was called into executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss personnel issues.

Meeting resumed at 8:38 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.