

The Athens City Council Committee Meeting

Thursday April 10, 2025

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Thursday April 10, 2025. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Kyra Leinberger, Alderman Greg Hoffman, and Alderman Angella Thompson were present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Rhonda Ethell, Treasurer Derrick Fritz, Deputy Clerk Monica Brumm, Police Chief Ben Harmening, City Attorney, John Hoblit, and Librarian Ginger Newingham.

Introduction of Visitors

Norm Flowers gave information on the Sons of the American Legion.

Jackie Lindsay gave suggestions to changes to liquor ordinance.

Chief Harmening gave the police report for March.

Derrick Fritz gave the Treasurer's Report for March.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report for March.

Monica Brumm gave the Office Manager report for March.

Ginger Newingham gave the library report for March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works: Nothing to report.

Internal Affairs: Nothing to report.

Commerce & Community Affairs: Kyra Leinberger advised committee met and discussed setting up a Business District Sub-Committee, discussed things regarding playground equipment, and plans for the July 4th celebration.

Public Safety: Nothing to report.

Library: Nothing to report

Cemetery: Nothing to report

Liquor: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion was had on adding an excavation ordinance to the city code.

- Discussion was had on donating \$1000 to Glory Days for purchase of tickets for the kids for the rides.
- Discussion was had on changes to amending section 7-1 of the city code to update the definition of temporary housing, and change the rules for “living” in temporary housing. Will be put on the agenda Monday for a vote.
- Discussion was had on Resolution #2025-03R for enrollment in the GSA program. Its set up for municipalities to purchase equipment, tools, etc. Will be put on the agenda for Monday’s meeting for a vote.
- Discussion was had on each committee and their respective roles and responsibilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion was had on the setting Meeting Rules for City Council Meetings.
- Discussion was had on if there should be movement on the master plan for the park. It was assigned to be discussed in the Commerce & Community Affairs Committee.
- Discussion was had on annual appropriations and budget. Budget will be put on Monday’s agenda to vote on.
- Discussion was had on making changes to the liquor ordinance to remove that license holders must reside within city limits, and to change the hours that Class A license holders can sell package liquor from 10 am to 8 am on Sundays. Discussion was also had on the suggestions made by Jackie Lindsay.

Public Comment:

No public comment

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz, seconded by Alderman Hoffman to move into executive session at 7:39 pm..

Executive session ended at 7:47 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.