

The Athens City Council Meeting Monday, May 12, 2025

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, May 12, 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 Rachel Lantz, Alderman Kyra Leinberger, and Alderman Greg Hoffman were present. Chief of Police Ben Harmening, City Manager Derrick Fritz, Village Attorney John Hoblit, and Deputy Clerk Monica Brumm were also present. City Clerk Rhonda Ethell was absent.

All present participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Topics of Discussion

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve the consent agenda. Motion was roll called, all present in favor, voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Alderman Leinberger and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve Ordinance #03-2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Athens, Illinois for the Corporate Fiscal Year Beginning May 01, 2025. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve Ordinance #04-2025, Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Estimate of Revenues of the City of Athens Road District #13, Illinois, for the Corporate Year Beginning May 1, 2025 and Ending April 30th, 2026. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to approve Ordinance #05-2025, An Ordinance Amending 1-6-4 of the Athens City Code To Add a New Section of "Public Participation" and Establish said Rules of Public Participation. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to approve Ordinance # 06-2025, An Ordinance Creating 5-5 Of the Athens City Code "Excavations". Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Chernowsky to approve Resolution #2025-05R Motor Fuel Tax. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A short discussion was had on the budget for the 4th of Celebration. A motion was made by Alderman Leinberger and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve a budget of \$3500 from the Video Gaming Fund for expenses associated with the 4th of July Celebration. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve the hiring of one full time police officer and one part time police officer. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Comments

No public Comment

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz to adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.