

The Athens City Council Committee Meeting Thursday May 12, 2025

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Thursday April 10, 2025.

Chris Reichert was sworn in as the Mayor of The City of Athens.

Rachel Lantz was sworn in as Alderperson for Ward 3.

Kevin Puma was sworn in as Alderperson for Ward 2.

Kyra Leinberger was sworn in as Alderperson for Ward 3.

Derrick Fritz was sworn in as City Treasurer.

Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Kyra Leinberger, and Alderman Greg Hoffman were present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Rhonda Ethell, Treasurer Derrick Fritz, Deputy Clerk Monica Brumm, Police Chief Ben Harmening, and City Attorney John Hoblit

Introduction of Visitors

None

Chief Harmening gave the police report for April.

Derrick Fritz gave the Treasurer's Report for April.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report for April.

Monica Brumm gave the Office Manager report for April.

No library report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works: Nothing to report.

Internal Affairs: Nothing to report.

Commerce & Community Affairs: Advised committee will doing a business district subcommittee with local business people and they will be meeting Wednesday May 14th. The Committee will be making a recommendation to the Council for Vote to move forward with a master plan for the park, using Benton & Associates. Still working on things for the 4th of July Celebration.

Public Safety: Nothing to report.

Library: Nothing to report

Cemetery: Nothing to report

Liquor: **Nothing** to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- The mayor opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance #06-2025, An Ordinance Creating 5-5 Of the Athens City Code "Excavations". No questions or discussion.
- The mayor opened the floor for discussion on Appropriation Ordinance #04-2025, Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Estimate of Revenues of the City of Athens Road District No. 13, Illinois for the Corporate Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2025. No questions or discussion.
- The mayor opened the floor for discussion on Appropriation Ordinance #03-2025, Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Athens, Illinois for the Corporate Fiscal Year Beginning May 01, 2025. No questions or discussion.
- The mayor opened the floor for discussion on Resolution #2025-05R, Motor Fuel Tax. No questions or discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The mayor opened the floor for discussion on 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.

A motion was made to move into executive session as per 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) – Personnel Issues at 6:20 pm.

Executive Session ended 6:27 pm.

Public Comment:

Linda Wasilewski spoke during public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.