

The Athens City Council Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2025

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, June 16, 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 Kyra Leinberger, and Alderman Greg Hoffman were present. Alderman Lantz was absent. Also in attendance was City Manager Derrick Fritz, City Clerk Rhonda Ethell, and Deputy Clerk Monica Brumm were also present.

All present participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Topics of Discussion

Anthony Schuring gave a presentation to the council regarding setting up a TIF district. Explained what they are and how they work. There was a question and answer session at the end of his presentation.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman Puma and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to approve police, treasurer, public works, office manager and library reports. All present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to approve paying the bills. All present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Puma to accept the meeting minutes. All present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Leinberger to approve the payment of Brotcke Well invoice for final payment on well #8 for \$43,369.32. All present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Puma to hire Brown & Stephens as our city TIF attorney. Motion was roll called, Alderman Chernowsky, Puma, and Hoffman in favor voted aye. Alderman Leinberger voted present. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Leinberger and seconded by Alderman Chernowsky to approve \$4000 budget for a Music & Merchants on Main Festival. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Chernowsky to approve the hiring of Nicole McCormick for part-time office help at \$20 per hour on an as needed basis. Motion was called, all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve appointment of Rhonda Ethell to Alderman Ward 1. Motion was roll called all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Reichert swore in new Alderman Ward 1 Rhonda Ethell.

Public Comments

No public Comment

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman to adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.