**City of Athens**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 14, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Athens City Hall

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was to called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Chris Reichert.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

* Alderman Chernowsky
* Alderman Lantz
* Alderman Leinberger
* Alderman Hoffman
* Alderman Ethell

**Also Present:**

* Police Chief Harmening
* City Attorney John Hoblit
* City Clerk Cheyenne Bluett

**Absent:**

* Alderman Puma

**III. Introduction of Visitors**

* Bob Roberts with the Athens Lions Club gave a presentation on their annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser explaining the different sponsorship levels. This will be placed on 08/18/25 agenda for a vote.

**IV. Department Reports**

* **Police Report:** Chief Harmening gave the police report for July.
* **Public Works Report:** Report tabled until 8/18/25 meeting.
* **Treasurer Report:** Report tabled until 8/18/25 meeting.
* **Office Manager Report: Monica** Brumm gave the Office Manager Report for July
* **Library Report:** Report tabled until 8/18/25 meeting.

**V. Committee Reports**

* **Public Works:** Discussion was had on EPA permit delays, and current equipment looking to purchase.
* **Internal Affairs:** Nothing to Report.
* **Commerce & Community Reports:** Alderman Chernowsky advised of the upcoming 2025 Music & Merchants on Main and had discussion on date for the 2026 Fireworks display.
* **Public Safety:** Alderman Hoffman advised the police department will need to update all computers by October to stay in compliance and secured, cost for 8 new tough books would be $28,000 this will be placed on the 08/18/25 agenda for a vote. Discussion was also had on updating the police squad car fleet, there is a lease program that would lease 3 vehicles for a 4-year term and save the city $10,000 per year, then all vehicles would have warranties and save on repair bills. Will be placed on the 08/18/25 agenda for a vote. A question was raised regarding needing an ordinance to purchase the vehicles and the attorney advised that no ordinance needed as long as the lease payments were appropriated each year.
* **Library**: Report tabled until the 8/18/25 meeting
* **Cemetery:** Alderman Lantz advised that benches for cemetery should be in soon.
* **Liquor:** Nothing to report

**VI. New Business**

* No new business.

**VII. Old Business**

* Discussion was on the old restaurant.

**VII. Public Comment**

* No public comments were made.

**IX. Adjournment**

* The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.