

## **The Athens City Council Committee Meeting Thursday March 07, 2024**

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Thursday March 07, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Angela Thompson, Alderman Greg Hoffmann, Alderman John Tobias, Alderman Amy Chernowsky, and Alderman Rachel Lantz were present. Also in attendance was Public Works Director and Treasurer Derrick Fritz and City Clerk Rhonda Ethell.

Derrick Fritz gave the treasurer's report and provided the council with the account balances and transfers completed.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report. Advised that filled potholes, did some salting on road. Advised that will have to do repairs on the sewer UV System and will be around \$14,000 to repair. Sludge Press quote came in at \$512,000 and working on getting costs lower. Installed 2 new water taps and has to repair exhaust on F350 truck cost is around \$1100.

Monica Brumm gave the office manager a report. Gave update on the number of water disconnect notices and the number of shut offs done during the month. Advised that still having issues with the post office several reports of customers not getting bills and us not receiving checks.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Liquor Committee:** Liquor committee met on March 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm and they will be revisiting the classification issues.

**Cemetery Committee:** Need to check and see if it's time to put out notices about bids for mowing.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Reichert advised he had met with the Stahl Foundation regarding the funds available for projects this summer. Some things being discussed are repairing ball diamonds, replacing ball diamond fencing, and walking path, and repairs to the parking lot.

Mayor Reichert will be setting up a budget meeting in the very near future and advised the council to bring recommendations on any changes they would like to see in the budgets.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was had on water ordinance regarding rate changes and changes to leak adjustments. Mayor Reichert advised would send out a sheet showing all changes and asked that each council member read and look at each of the changes and make suggestions.

Agenda Item – Rural Water discussion – discussion was not had due to Menard Rural Water not being able to meet until April.

The meeting adjourned 7:36 pm.