**The Athens City Council Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday May 8, 2024**

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Wednesday May 8, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Greg Hoffman, and Alderman Rachel Lantz were present. Also in attendance was Public Works Director and Treasurer Derrick Fritz and City Clerk Rhonda Ethell.

Police Report will be given on Monday.

Derrick Fritz gave the treasurer’s report and provided the council with the account balances and transfers completed. Advised that the business district tax income received was approximately $3100.00.

Derrick Fritz gave the Public Works report. The public works department has been working on patching and mowing. Provided the council with the Motor Fuel Tax planned budget totaling approximately $204,000 for oil and chipping this year. They are currently working on the UV Filter updates, installed new blowers and are currently working on getting a sludge press. Still having issues with well pumps. Provided the council with the proposed vac truck he would like to purchase for the department. Discussion was had on the cost for repairs and maintenance needed for the water towers.

Monica Brumm gave the office manager a report. Advised the council of 10 shut offs for the month of April, sent 143 disconnect notices, and sent out a total of 1700 water bills in the mail this month. Advised that met with James Meece with RCAP to find funding for water/sewer projects coming up. Advised that met with Don Squires regarding getting old pictures to decorate with at city hall. Advised on the seminar that was attended in April. Advised that the bid openings for the cemetery mowing will be done on 05/09/24 at 7 pm. Discussion was had on the firework quotes and ideas for the 4th of July celebration.

Library report will be given on Monday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No committee reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was had on switching auditor firms.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve $1000 donation for wrist bands for kids for Glory Days. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed.

Discussion was had on the date for the citywide clean up. Will work with A-Team and shoot for late September.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was had on drafting a solar ordinance. The City Attorney, John Hoblit, will draft one and give it to the council for approval. Discussion was had on the also discussing a cost for permits for solar installation.

Discussion was had on the solar that was going to be placed at the plant. No date has been set yet.

Mayor Reichert informed the board that letters were sent out to the landlords stating that any unpaid bills they are responsible for. In discussion with some of the landlords, it was stated that the city would provide the landlords with a list of who is behind, and that we will strictly enforce that if not paid by the agreed date the water would be disconnected and the landlords would be informed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment

The council did not go into executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.