

City of Athens
City Council Meeting
December 8th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Welcome given by Mayor Reichert. Roll call was taken by Clerk Rhonda Ethell. All the Alderman were present.

Mayor Reichert asked Chief Becker for the police report.

All vehicles maintenance is up to date, 2023 Dodge Durango is still on order. During the month Athens officers responded to 100 calls for service, conducted 16 traffic stops, issued 7 citations and 9 verbal warnings. There were four traffic crashes during the month.

There was one ordinance violation citation issued and two warnings

Bell Street Prohibited Vehicle Citation

Enterprise Alley Prohibited Vehicle warning

Williams Street Prohibited Vehicle Warning

Reposted on Facebook a solicitation seeking a volunteer coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch Program. To date only one person expressed an interest in the position.

Mayor Reichert asked Treasurer Derrick Fritz for Treasure report and Public Works Report.

Treasurers Report

Transfers were made from the General Fund to the Alternate Bond Fund for the WTP (\$40,000.00) and the WWTP (\$20,200.00). \$407,235.33 was transferred to the General Fund to pay the bond payment. \$1,000.00 was transferred to the Meter Deposit Fund from the General Fund. Motor Fuel received \$6,711.05 in tax revenues. The Video Gaming Fund received \$3,821.77 in tax revenues and \$1,800.00 was transferred from the VGF to the Streets Savings.

Public Works Report

Streets: We finished cleaning the culvert on Adams Street and extending it in the alley in the 300 block between Adams and Polk Streets. The guys finished mowing for the year and the equipment was put away. We also had our last brush pick up of the season.

Sewer: The UV system was removed and put away for the winter. Electrical repairs were made to the screen system in the headworks building. A new sewer tap was installed on Washington Street for a residence that was still on a septic system.

Water: There was a water main break on Main Street at the beginning of the month. Repairs were made to several fire hydrants that were found to be defective while we were flushing hydrants. We installed a water tap and repaired a water service on 11-29-2022. I have a meeting scheduled for 12-13-2022 with Schneider GIS. They are the company that manages the GIS mapping for Menard County. After speaking with them I think we will be able to add the services that we need to the mapping that the county already uses and make everything more cost effective for both of us.

Mayor Reichert asked Alderman Lantz for the Cemetery report. Nothing to report.

Mayor Reichert asked Library Director Ginger Newingham for the Library report.

Month of November there was 1,104 people with 1,400 materials checked out. Hosted 4 PreK classes for story hour. Hosted election day activities with 117 people participating. The second annual Christmas Tree Lighting was a success. Currently working on website.

Mayor Reichert asked for the Office Managers report.

- Meter shut offs for delinquent accounts will be done on December 14th.
- We are still waiting on the financial statement from the auditor. We hope to have it by the end of the month.
- We have had quite a few events the past few months in the banquet hall. October had 11 events, November had 13 and December has 7 scheduled so far. Hopefully with the new updates to the hall it will bring in even more next year.

New Business

Motor Fuel Tax - end of the year appropriations

Tax Levy for City of Athens & Rd District 13

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Property Insurance Quotes presented by RMA and Snedeker Risk Management

Old Business

Main Street Building – Tim Rathbone requested permission to tarp back part of building, no more than 30 days, 2nd floor big part finished. Small restaurant starting flooring should be ready by February or March.

Public comments

Brian Halcomb discussed train track safety issues with kids walking the tracks and the hazards

Cory from Agility discussed security alarm update and working on AthensIL.gov, no expense involved .com forwarded to .gov no changes to emails. Working on backups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM