

City of Athens
City Council Meeting
August 4th, 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 Treasurer Derrick Fritz for Treasure report and Public Works Report.

We saw our first installment of tax payments for the year. Approximately \$110,000.00 was received from the Menard County Treasurer's Office. Transfers were made from the General Fund to the Alternate Bond Fund for the WTP (\$36,000.00) and the WWTP (\$20,200.00). \$41,000.00 was transferred from the ABF to the General Fund to pay Prairie State for the valve project at the Water Plant. \$1,000.00 was transferred to the Meter Deposit Fund from the General Fund. Motor Fuel received \$6,927.63 in tax revenues, while the Video Gaming Fund received \$3540.01 in tax revenues. After the Low Prairie payment was made \$175 was transferred to the Streets fund. \$9,000.00 was transferred from the Gaming Fund to the General Fund to pay for the July 3rd fireworks show.

Public Works report

Streets: We are still waiting for IDOT approval of the MFT project. We have started installing risers on manholes for the sanitary sewers that are in the roadways.

Sewer: For preventative maintenance we pulled the 2nd blower motor from the SBR's and had it serviced.

Water: A 2nd bid package for Well #8 was published in the Petersburg Observer. Bids for Well #8 will be opened August 9th. It will be up to the council to determine when a meeting can be held to accept or decline a bid. The easement plat for well #8 has been sent to the attorney so that they can draw up a contract. On July 10th there was an issue with the 3-phase power supply at the plant. While there was extensive damage to some of the electronic controls the plant is fully operational. Some functions are currently in manual mode. An insurance claim has been made to cover the cost associated with this issue.

Vehicles: No maintenance was required.

Mayor Reichert announced that the Police report was moved until Monday

Mayor Reichert asked Alderman Lantz for the Cemetery report.

The Cemetery Board is looking for board members 2-3 people.

After Labor Day fall items will go out.

Mayor Reichert asked for the Office Managers report.

- Meter shut offs are scheduled for Wednesday the 10th.
- The auditor is scheduled to start the last week of August.
- We are currently working with Redline Data to start the process of transferring customers from CUSI to their software. Hoping to have that finished by the end of next week.

Mayor Reichert announced that the library report will be moved to Monday.

New Business

Dispensary- an individual has inquired if the City is going to allow the business. Will be voted on at Mondays meeting.

Wireless backups for office and water and sewer plants to be on Monday nights agenda.

Old Business

City wide clean up mid-September to early October 3 days with 2 city employees to help.

Solar discussion and looking at 3 bids received.

Public comments

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM