City of Athens

City Council Committee Meeting

Thursday July 6th, 2023

The Athens City Council met for a regular schedule Committee Meeting Thursday July 6th, 2023.

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. The roll call taken by City Clerk Rhonda Ethell indicated that Alderman Chernowsky, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Puma, Alderman Tobias and Alderman Lantz, and Alderman Hoffman were present. Other city personnel present were Treasurer Derrick Fritz, Police Chief Becker, City Counsel John Hobbit, Office Manager Monica Brumm and Michelle Becker.

Audience members in attendance included Gary Richardson, Brian Halcomb, Brian Ratliff, Lyndsey Bosie, Holly Henning Buhr, John Curry, Fran Curry, Craig, Becky and Cody Tobias, Josh Lovekamp, Jim Siberell, Jackie Lyndsey and Ginger Newingham.

Reports:

Chief Becker gave Police Report

Treasurer Fritz gave the Public Utility Report

Office Manager Monica Brumm gave the Office Report

Librarian Ginger Newingham gave the Library Report

New Business:

Alderman Tobias and Mayor Reichert presented Community Recognitions

Josh Loveckamp -Flag Project

Cody Tobias – Flag Project

John & Fran Curry – Illinois Times Article

Jim Siberell – Long Nine Museum – Illinois Times Article

Holly Henning Buhr – Illinois Times Article

Ginger Newingham – Athens Public Library – Illinois Times Article

Lyndsey Boise – Glory Days

Brian Ratliff – Corner Cup Ice Cream Shop

Public Comment:

Jim Siberell from the Long Nine Museum gave information regarding the museum.

Old business

Mayor Reichert gave a report on the fireworks.

Lyndsey Boise reported on Glory Days and gave a brief report on future plans for the event.

Mayor Reichert called the meeting into executive session, as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as found in Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statues, section 120, to address these certain and restricted items:

1) "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body....." (5ILCS 120/2 (2) © (1).

Executive Session was entered in to at 7:41PM

Mayor Reichert advised they would return to open session at 7:53 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM