

The Athens City Council Meeting Monday February 12, 2024

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council committee meeting on Monday February 12, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Angella Thompson, Alderman Greg Hoffmann, Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman John Tobias, and Alderman Rachel Lantz were present. Also in attendance was Police Chief Tim Becker, Librarian Ginger Newingham and Deputy City Clerk Monica Brumm.

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Tim Becker gave the police report for January. Chief Becker informed the council that warranty work was completed on the Chevy Tahoe. And advised that there will be an opening possibly in April for another officer.

Librarian Ginger Newingham gave the library report for January. Advised they have had a knitting class and will be having future ones. And the community conversation they hosted was a success and the one suggestion she received that the city could do to improve the accessibility for residents was sidewalks and ramps.

A listing of committees was given to each council member, and they were advised that when a committee meets, they must have an agenda posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and they must keep meeting minutes.

Mayor Reichert opened the meeting for public comment.

Molly Bettis addressed the council to introduce herself as appointed Menard County Treasurer and advised she was running for the office in the upcoming election.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve the Public Works, Police, Treasury, Library and Office Manager's Report. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed. Reports filed into record.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz, seconded by Alderman Tobias to approve the payment of the bills. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed. Report filed into record.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Lantz to move into executive session at 7:15 pm as per section 5ILCS 102/2 (c)(1).

Executive Session ended at 7:24 pm

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve the meeting minutes from the 01/04/24, 01/08/24 and executive session meeting minutes from 01/08/24. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passes. Report filed into record.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to table the vote on the changes to the water and sewer ordinance and on the vote of hiring an additional public works employee.

Alderman Tobias made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm.