

Athens City Council
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2017

Mayor Donald Neisler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Athens City Hall.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Debra Richardson called roll. Present were Aldermen: Anita Bednarko, Larry Buhr, Ron Canterbury, Tom Croft Sr., Bobbie Dowell and Harry Nichols. Also in attendance were Charles Herman, Derrick Fritz, Linda Wasilewski, Gary Richardson, Merle Messersmith and Rex Kieffer.

Motion made by Alderman Dowell, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting. Ayes: Bednarko, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Alderman Buhr voted present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Dowell, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to approve the police, treasurers', water and wastewater, and streets and alleys reports. Ayes: Bednarko, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Alderman Buhr voted present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Bednarko, to authorize the payment of the bills. Ayes: Bednarko, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Alderman Buhr voted present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Nichols, seconded by Alderman Dowell, to pass **ORDINANCE 01-2017, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CONTROL ACT.** Ayes: Bednarko, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Alderman Buhr voted present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Dowell, seconded by Alderman Croft, to pass **ORDINANCE 02-2017, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 09-95 AS AMENDED REGULATING THE LICENSING AND REGULATION FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF ATHENS.**

Alderman Nichols suggested that the council keep in mind that should the pizza business not materialize, that the council consider amending the ordinance by removing the additional A license that this ordinance makes available.

Ayes: Bednarko, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Alderman Buhr voted present. Motion passed.

Mayor Neisler stated that he agreed with Nichols, that should the pizza business not happen that the council should amend the ordinance. Buhr asked when Turbo Fired Pizza plans to open. Mayor Neisler indicated that he understood that the plans were to open in late March or early April.

Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to authorize the purchase of four new tires for the utility trailer, from Bert's Service, at a cost of \$495.00. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Mayor Neisler stated that he has checked into several loan rates for the financing of the Water Supply Facilities Plan, which has been designed by Klingner & Associates, to develop Well #7 and a CO2 system for the Athens Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Neisler stated that he had spoken with Athens State Bank and there are three different rates that are available. There is a federal rate of 3.75%, and a 20 year rate at 4.75%, with payments being around \$4,800.00 a month. He also spoke with the city engineers about removing the generator from the plan and use the portable generator that the City already has. Mayor Neisler informed the council that

they are voting to approve submitting this plan and not voting on the authorization of a loan at this time. Dowell asked Mayor Neisler if the council could be given a report on the amount of monies that have been spent at the water plant since it has been built. He questioned why the City keeps paying thousands of dollars at the plant. Mayor Neisler indicated that he would check into it.

Motion made by Alderman Dowell, and seconded by Alderman Nichols, to authorize the submission of the Water Supply Facilities Plan, which seeks a low interest loan for development of Well #7 and the CO2 system for the Water Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$900,000.00. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Bednarko, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to not excuse fines levied for a barking dog on Washington Street. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Mayor Neisler indicated that he had given council members a copy of the profit and loss statement for the Athens Fall Festival. Mayor Neisler reported that the report was not correct or complete. Nichols indicated that the \$4,000.00 transfer from the Video Gaming Fund to cover raffle prizes is not shown on the report. Bednarko indicated that without the transfer, the raffle lost money.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.