

Athens City Council  
Special Meeting  
December 1, 2016

Mayor Donald Neisler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Athens City Hall. Clerk Debra Richardson called roll. Present were Aldermen: Ron Canterbury, Tom Croft Sr., Bobbie Dowell and Harry Nichols. Aldermen Anita Bednarko and Larry Buhr were absent. Also in attendance were Karissa Carls, Robin Cawley, Tim Cousins, Ryne Crowe, Don Squires, Derrick Fritz, BJ Fitschen, Gary Richardson, Linda Wasilewski, Rex Kieffer, Justina Gudgel and Judi Harlan.

Motion made by Alderman Nichols, seconded by Alderman Dowell, to approve **ORDINANCE 11-2016, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE BUSINESS COMMERCIAL (B-1) DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF ATHENS (ADDITION OF PHARMACY)**. Ayes: Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Mayor Neisler introduced Drew Scranton and Tyler Tucker from HD Supply Waterworks based in Washington, Illinois. Scranton indicated that HD Supply is into the business of providing communities with an electromagnetic flow measurement system that involves replacing existing meters with Smart Water Meters. Scranton indicated that the system would allow for the building of a water grid for the City of Athens. He stated that HD Supply currently has seven branch locations in Illinois. An iPERL Smart Water Meter is a water meter introduced in 2010 that has no moving parts. Tucker stated that this is the most accurate meter on the market, which has 20 years of accuracy of leak monitoring, reverse flow detection, empty pipe detection and meter tampering. This system requires a FCC license frequency.

Scranton reported that HD Supply would make it right if the system does not live up to expectations and there is only one manufacture for all the units. Cost estimates include Sensus installing the units, but there is an option for the City of Athens to do their own installations. Radio transmission would be placed at the top of the water towers and reads and management is done through the Internet. Scranton stated that the cost estimate total of the system would be approximately \$750,000.00, with estimates of benefits recovery of cost over 9 years.

Mayor Neisler thanked Scranton and Tucker for their informative presentation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.