

Athens City Council
Special Meeting
March 13, 2015

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

Clerk Debra Richardson called roll. Present were Aldermen: Ron Canterbury and Harry Nichols.

Mayor Neisler introduced Frank Dunmire from Illinois Rural Water Association. Dunmire stated that Mayor Neisler had contacted him about the City's need for a certified water and wastewater operator to sign off on the plants. Dunmire informed the council that the City would still need to have on site staffing and IWRA would help to make sure the IEPA requirements are met. Dunmire stated that IWRA has 13 contracts at this time, but their intentions are not to be there indefinitely. He stated that he encourages cities to train staff that can sign off on the plants. Dunmire indicated they write contracts for two and three years at a time and the City or IWRA can cancel the contract at any time with a 30-day notice.

The cost of IWRA services for Athens would be \$750.00 each month for each plant. Dunmire stated that IWRA could assist the City with interviewing of applicants. He noted that it might be hard to find one person that holds a Class A water license and Class 2 wastewater. They can also help with the advertising of the positions. Dunmire informed the council that they would provide someone at the wastewater plant two days per week for two hours each visit. Dunmire stated that the IWRA operator would be available at all times to except calls. If the question cannot be answered over the phone they would make a trip to Athens charging at a rate of \$45.00 an hour. Dunmire indicated that someone from IWRA would visit the water plant once a week.

Dunmire stated that he would need to meet with William Roth to see that he is capable of the plant duties. Mayor Neisler stated that Roth has been taking the monthly samples and doing the testing for quite some time. Mayor Neisler indicated there are no violations at the present time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.