

Athens City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018

Mayor Dowell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7pm at Athens City Hall. Clerk Cindy McFarland called roll. Present were Aldermen: Chris Basso, Larry Buhr, Ron Canterbury, Tom Croft Sr., and Butch Nichols. Alderman Tom Herman was absent. Also in attendance were Linda Wasilewski, Gary Richardson, Ryne Crowe, Ellie Stuhmer, Karissa Carls, Gabe Richardson, Michael Lockwood, and Hayley Yoakum. The Mayor asked if any Veteran present would like to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. All stood, and Alderman Butch Nichols led the pledge.

First on the agenda was the vote to accept the February reports. Motion was made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Basso, to approve the police, treasurers', water and wastewater, streets and alleys, and office manager's reports. Ayes: Basso, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, and Nichols. Motion passed.

Next, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes and to pay the February bills. Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 Committee Meeting and the February 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, and to pay the February bills. All ayes. Motion passed.

There was clarifying discussion on the payment of the Menard County 911 bill of \$1000. Motion made by Alderman Basso, seconded by Alderman Buhr, to pay the Menard County 911 bill of \$1000. All ayes. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the vote to allow Hawkins to move forward with water testing. There would be no charge and no diminishment of our water quality due to the testing. Motion made by Alderman Nichols, seconded by Alderman Basso, to move forward with the testing. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Croft, to forgo the American Legion's monthly water bill; the average cost being \$45. All ayes. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the vote to forgo deceased individual's water bills. There was discussion and clarification that the vote would be to forgo this one individual deceased person's water bill. Motion made by Alderman Basso, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to forgo this deceased person's water bill. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Buhr, to move employee Michael Lockwood from half-time water and half-time streets to full-time water. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Basso, seconded by Alderman Croft, to move employee Gabe Richardson from part-time streets to full-time streets. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Nichols, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to adjust employee Nicole McCormick's salary to \$12 per hour and move from probationary status. All ayes. Motion passed.

Under New Business was the upcoming city-wide clean-up. There will be further discussion next month.

The mayor asked the council if they had anything else to discuss or if there were any public comments.

Mayor Dowell introduced our city employees in attendance and said that would conclude our agenda this evening. The Mayor asked for a motion to enter into a short executive session. Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to enter into executive session at 7:24pm.

The council returned from executive session at 7:35pm. Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Croft, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Motion passed unanimously.