

Athens City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2017

Mayor Pro-tem Butch Nichols welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7pm at Athens City Hall.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Cindy McFarland called roll. Present were Aldermen: Larry Buhr, Ron Canterbury, and Tom Herman. Mayor Bob Dowell, Treasurer Ryan Seifert, and Aldermen Chris Basso, and Tom Croft were absent. Also in attendance were Karissa Carls, Robert Bluett, Ryne Crowe, Linda Wasilewski, Gary Richardson, Merle Messersmith, Norm Flowers, Michael Lockart, Chief Tim Becker, and Phil Cornell.

Mayor Pro-tem Nichols asked the council to take a moment to look over the July reports. Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Herman, to approve the police, treasurers', water and wastewater, and streets and alleys reports. There was no cemetery meeting or report for the month. Ayes: Buhr, Herman and Nichols. Present: Alderman Canterbury. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Herman, seconded by Alderman Buhr, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2017 Committee Meeting, the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting. Ayes: Buhr, Canterbury, Herman and Nichols. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford F150 Squad truck for the Athens Police Department for \$20, 729 after trade, to be paid by the LESO and vehicle citation funds. Ayes: Buhr, Herman and Nichols. Present: Alderman Canterbury. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Herman, seconded by Alderman Buhr to approve the purchase of 26 smart meters for the water department in the amount of \$6,250. Ayes: Buhr, Herman and Nichols. Present: Alderman Canterbury. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Herman to approve the appointment of Marina Caruso, Linda Pedigo, and Cheryl Keller to the Library Board. Ayes: Buhr, Canterbury, Herman and Nichols. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Herman, seconded by Alderman Buhr to approve the renewal of the Animal Control Contract for a term of 1 year at the cost of \$3,828.28. Ayes: Buhr, Canterbury, Herman and Nichols. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Herman, to approve the passing of Resolution 02-2017 for municipal aggregation for electric. Ayes: Buhr, Herman and Nichols. Present: Alderman Canterbury. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to approve the donation of \$1000 to the American Legion's Veterans Appreciation Dinner to be held on November 9th at Roots Banquet Hall, to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Ayes: Buhr, Canterbury, Herman and Nichols. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Herman, to approve to donate \$1000 to the Menard County Housing Back to School Supplies program to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Ayes: Buhr, Canterbury, Herman and Nichols. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro-tem Nichols said that would conclude our agenda this evening and opened for public comment. Norm Flowers stated that June 30, 2018 would be the date for next year's Salute to America Celebration.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Herman, to adjourn. Ayes: Buhr, Canterbury, Herman and Nichols. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.