

Athens City Council  
Special Meeting  
November 21, 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 Anita Bednarko, Larry Buhr, Ron Canterbury, Tom Croft Sr., Bobbie Dowell and Harry Nichols. Also in attendance were Sergeant Derrick Fritz, Linda Wasilewski and Gary Richardson.

Police Sergeant Derrick Fritz address the council regarding the installation of a 10-8 video system to be installed in the new Ford Explorer police vehicle. Fritz stated that this unit would be installed and pending a successful test period the cost would be \$2,004.95.

Motion made by Alderman Dowell, seconded by Alderman Canterbury, to authorize the purchase of a 10-8 video system for the new Explorer, pending a successful test period, at a cost of \$2,004.95. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Mayor Neisler recommended that the council approval the continuation of the Drug Task Force Agreement and the hiring of a replacement officer since the current officer is leaving for a new position. Buhr asked Sergeant Fritz if the pickup truck that is being used at this time would be used by the new hire. Fritz stated that he believed that the truck would still be used, but the vehicle is the property of the State of Illinois. Buhr noted that the City had just purchased new tires for the vehicle. Dowell stated that they might swap it out with another vehicle of their choosing.

Motion made by Alderman Buhr, seconded by Alderman Dowell, to authorize the continuation of the Drug Task Force Agreement and hire a replacement officer for that position. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderman Canterbury, seconded by Alderman Nichols, to authorize a City Christmas dinner to be held on December 10, 2016. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

Mayor Neisler indicated that with the addition of a new employee the Athens State Bank requires that appropriate persons sign a new signature document.

Motion made by Alderman Dowell, seconded by Alderman Buhr, to approve the Public Funds Banking Resolution for a change of signatures on the water and sewer works accounts. Ayes: Bednarko, Buhr, Canterbury, Croft, Dowell and Nichols. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.