**The Athens City Council Meeting**

**Monday May 13, 2024**

The City of Athens Council met for a regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday May 13, 2024. Mayor Chris Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The roll call indicated that Alderman Amy Chernowsky, Alderman Kevin Puma, Alderman Rachel Lantz, Alderman Greg Hoffman, and Alderman Angella Thompson were present. Also in attendance was Police Chief Tim Becker, Library Director Ginger Newingham, and City Clerk Rhonda Ethell.

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Tim Becker gave the police report for April. There were 184 calls of service for April. Advised council had worked on abandoned vehicle violations and is now working on mowing violations.

Ginger Newingham gave the library report. Advised that library is gearing up for summer with its summer reading program and will be offering a hunters safety course.

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve the Public Works, Police, Treasury, Library and Office Manager’s Report. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed. Reports filed into record.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz seconded by Alderman Puma to approve the payment of the bills and previous meeting minutes. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed. Report filed into record.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Chernowsky to approve Resolution #08-2024 A Resolution Approving the Content of Certain Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve the bid of $200 per week for Chris Hermes Lawn Care for mowing Old West Cemetery. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Chernowsky to approve the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax State Budget. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye, motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantz and seconded by Alderman Puma to approve the purchase of a VacTruck for the Public Works Department for $92,105.52. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Chernowsky and seconded by Alderman Lantz to approve the contract with J&M Display for fireworks for 2024 for $11,000. Motion was roll called, all present in favor voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Reichert informed the council that Prairie State had to come out Saturday, during Glory Days, for a sewer backup.

**Public Comment:**

* Linda Wasilewski advised needed volunteers to help put out flags and flowers. Also, the cemetery looked nice with the city mowing it. And advised that the back road at the cemetery needs sprayed.

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.