

**January 9, 2025**

**Attendance:** Mayor Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, Chris Hopkins, and Katie Zmuda being present. Councilor Manderscheid was excused. City Recorder, Michelle Fox and one guest were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:**

AMA - April McKenna gave update for AMA. The holiday lighting contest and wreath making fundraiser were both successful and well attended. The AMA is taking a well-earned break from activities for a few months. The next event will be the Citizen of the Year Banquet in April. They will also be participating in the city-wide yard sale again this year. If you have any items you would like to donate to their sale, please let them know.

Kylie McClintock from Cockburn and McClintock, CPA's, reviewed the 2023-2024 Audit with the council. She reported that it was a clean audit.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 12/12/24 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2025-01 - Setting Water Rates and Resolution #2025-02 Setting Sewer Rates with an \$8.00 increase. Motion carried 3-1.

Councilor Kostur nominated John Manderscheid for Council President; Councilor Thompson seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and Councilor Manderscheid was voted Council President with 4 votes.

Mayor Schroeder announced the councilor assignments for the new year. Councilor Kostur will remain over Police, Councilor Thompson will remain over Administration, Councilor Zmuda will remain over Library, Councilor Manderscheid will be over Public Works, and Councilor Hopkins will be over Fire.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission:** No meeting

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** The Waste Water Facility Plan Alternatives were officially voted on. A motion was made and seconded to approve Alternative #4 which is to eliminate current plant, modify wetlands into a lagoon and wetland system. Motion carried 4-0.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Library remains very busy. New classes are well attended.

**Parks & Rec:** None

**Public Works:** None

**Fire:** None

**Sheriff:** Report in packet

**Administration:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **February 13, 2025 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Michelle Fox, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_