

# CITY OF ATHENA

## NEWSLETTER

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## THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

**DECEMBER 14, 2023**

**Attendance:** Mayor Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Sally Thompson, Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, John Manderscheid and Councilor Gene Wright being present. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 1 guest were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Business from the Public:**

**AMA** - Katie Zmuda reported for the Main Street Association. The Christmas Bazaar was very well attended. AMA received a \$9,000 grant to be used for the electrical project. The year was a success but they are still looking for new members.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 11/12/23 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Actionable Items: None**

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission approved Permit #2023-10 for a new canopy over the gas pumps at the One Stop. The One Stop will be transitioning to a 76 Station.

**New Business:** Marty Ray addressed the Council concerning Code Enforcement. He was told by the Code Enforcer that they will not enforce the dog ordinance. Michelle added that she had also spoke to them and was told the same thing. The city was informed

## **JANUARY MEETINGS**

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### LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
@ Library

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00pm @ City Hall

### CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00pm @ City Hall

### CEMETERY

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
@ City Hall

### CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm  
City Hall: 541-566-3862  
City Shop: 541-566-0228  
Library: 541-566-2470  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 541-966-3651

that the County Code Enforcement Officer will only enforce Solid Waste violations. The Council discussed if this is what we needed and a few options for moving forward. Speaking with the County Planner about our contract services, partnering with another City, or trying to hire our own Code Enforcement Officer. Michelle will look into these options and report back at next month's meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Activities include Giving Tree, Santa Visit, Bingo Night

**Parks & Rec:** None

**Public Works:** Christmas decorations look great

**Fire:** The new UTV is not in service yet. Procedures are being written and a certified training program is being implemented.

**Sheriff:** The sheriff's report is in packet.

**Administration:** Office is quiet during holidays

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **January 11, 2024 @ 6:00 pm**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Rebecca Schroeder, Mayor

Wayne Kostur,  
Commissioner of Police

Gene Wright,  
Commissioner of Public  
Works

Katie Zmuda,  
Commissioner of Library

Sally Thompson,  
Commissioner of  
Administration

John Manderscheid,  
Commissioner of Fire Services

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

**City Hall, Public Works,  
and the Athena Library  
will be closed January 1  
for The New Year and  
January 15 for Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day.**

**UMATILLA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR  
THE CITY OF ATHENA  
Total Calls for  
Service/Incidents  
(November 2023):**

**99**



**'Tis the season to recycle  
boxes!**

Please remember you **MUST**  
**BREAK DOWN YOUR BOXES.**

Recycling Reminders:

**Absolutely no garbage  
Absolutely no milk jugs  
Absolutely no garbage left around  
the bin  
Absolutely no packing materials  
including plastic, shredded paper,  
and Styrofoam.**

Thank you!

**PET LICENSE RENEWAL**

Your dog/cat license will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please renew now! \$12.00 for altered & \$25.00 for unaltered. We will need a copy of your shot records, and a picture would be helpful in case your animal gets lost.

- o Remember, owners over 62 do NOT pay a license fee but still must provide proof of shots.



**BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL  
NOTICE**

Business licenses expired  
December 31, 2023.

Please come by City Hall or mail the \$50.00 renewal fee. If any of your business or contact information has changed, please let us know.



# JANUARY

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
EVENTS CALENDAR

# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Library Closed	2 Story time with Monica 10:30am	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Story time 10:30am	10	11	12	13
14 Library Board 6:00pm Library Closed	15	16 Story time 10:30am	17 CPR Class 6:00pm Registration Required 	18	19	20
21	22 Book Club & Book Swap 6:30pm	23 Story time 10:30am	24	25	26	27
28	29 CLASSICS TRIVIA NIGHT 6:00pm	30 Story time 10:30am	31			

To sign up for the CPR class please stop by the library  
or call 541-566-2470  
or email [athenalibrary@cityofathena.com](mailto:athenalibrary@cityofathena.com)

SAVE THE DATE! Teen game night at the  
library, February 15, 2024 - 5:00-7:00pm

Library Hours  
Monday - 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Tuesday - 11:00am-5:00pm  
Wednesday - 11:00am-6:00pm  
Thursday - 11:00am-5:00pm  
Friday - 11:00am-5:00pm



The City of Athena wishes everyone a  
very  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Happy New Year  
2024

American Legion  
Post 130 was  
able to honor  
220 local heroes  
with the wreath  
donations at the  
Athena  
Cemetery!

Thank you for  
your donations!



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**January 2024 Newsletter**

“Ceud Mile Failt”  
(100,000 Welcomes)



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