

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2024

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, Gene Wright, and John Manderscheid being present. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 9 guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

AMA – Katie Zmuda reported for AMA. The Citizen of the Year banquet will be held Friday, April 5, 2024. Tickets will be available at City Hall or you can email athenamainstreet@gmail.com. Clean Sweep/Free Dump Day will be held on May 4, 2024. If you have large items you would like to have picked up to go to dump, please call Nutrien to get on their pick-up list.

Hodaka – Bob Whitman and Greg Floren informed the council of all the fun events scheduled for this year's Hodaka Day Celebration, and asked council's permission to hold Hodaka Days June 27-30. A motion was made and seconded to hold Hodaka Days June 27-30. Motion carried 5-0.

HUD Housing – County Commissioner Cindy Timmons updated the Council on her meeting with Roger Condi, with the Umatilla County Housing Authority. It appears that UCHA is moving forward with dispossessing McEwen Housing. The City will write a letter to Oregon Congressman Cliff Bentz to see if he can be of any assistance with our low-income housing issues.

APRIL MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, April 15th at 6:00pm @
Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00pm
@ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 14th at 6:00pm @
City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, April 16th 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

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 2/8/24 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Schroeder appointed City Recorder, Michelle Fox as Budget Officer for Budget year 2024-2025.

Mayor Schroeder re-appointed Lori Kennedy to the Budget Committee for another term.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: All open building permits were reviewed.

New Business: Michelle reminded all councilors to submit their Ethics Reports by April 15, 2024.

Old Business: A draft of the new Umatilla County Code Enforcement Contract was reviewed. One change was needed and will be addressed with Umatilla County Planning Department. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Umatilla County Code Enforcement Contract with said change. Motion carried 5-0.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: The library received a \$2,000 grant which will be used for Early Learning Projects and a series of Family Night Events. Umatilla County Library District Director, Heather Estrada, was introduced by Stephanie. Heather addressed the council and thanked the council for working with and supporting our local library.

Parks & Rec:

Public Works: Beginning spring work

Fire: New fire station is 65% complete.

Sheriff: The sheriff's report is in packet.

Administration: Administration is getting ready for budget season. Michelle reminded the council that City Hall would be closed on Fridays in May-September.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **April 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

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENA

**Total Calls for
Service/Incidents (February
2024)
98**



thank you

**Thank you to the Athena
Christian Church for
cleaning up the Athena City
Park!**

Thank you!!



Check out our new
Tea of the Month!
Stop by to pick up a
sample to try at
home!



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 STORYTIME 10:30AM	3	4 Game Makers Club 4:00pm	5 LIBRARY CLOSED	6
7	8	9 STORYTIME 10:30AM	10	11 Game Makers Club 4:00pm	12	13
14	15 Library Board 6:00pm	16 STORYTIME 10:30AM	17	18 Game Makers Club 4:00pm	19	20 FAMILY NIGHT 5:30PM
21	22 Earth Day	23 STORYTIME 10:30AM	24	25 Game Makers Club 4:00pm	26	27
28	29 Book Club 6:30pm	30 STORYTIME 10:30AM				

Join us for our next book club! We will be reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah this month and will meet for discussion on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:30pm in the front room of the Library.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is happening in Athena, Saturday, March 30th, 2024 at 10am!

MARCH 30, 2024
10:00am
Athena City Park



Sponsored by the
EAST UMATILLA FIRE AND RESCUE



BIKE Rodeo For Kids

Sat 4/27
10 am-1pm
Athena Elementary School
375 S 5th St.
Athena, OR 97813

F Bike Safety
R Hot Dogs Provided
E Free Helmet and Check
E Bike Activities and Challenges



Wear plaid on Friday, April 5 in honor of National Tartan Day! (Scots would like Tartan Day to be as big as St. Patrick's Day!) If you wear plaid that Friday, you could go to the Sugar Shack and pick up your prize!! Sponsored by the Athena Caledonian Games Association.

Welcome – Ceud Mile Failt (100,000 Welcomes)

ATHENA MAINSTREET ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

2024

ATHENA

Citizen of the Year

BANQUET

Celebrating outstanding Athena citizens for their dedicated service to our community- Since 1980.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 pm for Happy Hour and Silent Auction, Dinner at 6:30 pm
at the Historic Stahl Building, 259 E Main Street, Athena

SILENT AUCTION

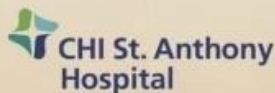
TRI-TIP DINNER *(Vegetarian option available)*

COMPLIMENTARY BEER & WINE *(age 21+)*

AWARDS CEREMONY

*Tickets available now! \$40/Person or \$300/Sponsor Table of 8.
Pay online at paypal.me/Athenamainstreet, or scan the QR code below.
Tickets also available at Athena City Hall. For more information
or to purchase tickets, email athenamainstreet@gmail.com.*

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PURCHASE TICKETS
VIA PAYPAL



**ANNUAL
CITY-WIDE
YARD
SALE!!
MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS
AND GET
ON THE
MAP/LIST
NOW!**

Spring is here and with it brings our Annual Yard Sale Day. Always the 3rd Saturday in May. This year it falls on Saturday, May 18th. As always, the advertising for this event is done for you! This event is open for anyone who wants to have a yard sale at their house. Sales will be advertised to run from 9am-3pm. In previous years this event has brought a lot of people to our town. If you are looking to declutter, this is the time. Save the date and mark your calendar now! The maps of sales will again be provided however you will have to give us your address to be included on the map. Please give your address to Bee's Knees or City Hall by Wednesday, May 15th.

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