

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

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, and John Manderscheid being present. Council Gene Wright was excused. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 4 guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: AMA - Angela Treadwell reported for AMA. The first "Yard of the Month" for the season goes to Bill and Pam Ezell. The AMA asked the city council for permission to use Dugger Park for Tuesday Market again this year and asked the city to furnish a porta potty for the season. They also asked the city for a \$200.00 donation for Community Night Out. A motion was made and seconded to allow the park use, porta potty and a \$200.00 donation. Motion carried 4-0

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 4/11/24 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: The city pool was discussed. Public Works Manager, Kenneth Faircloth informed the council that a representative from a pool company in Idaho came to inspect the pool to see if the joints could be repaired and at what cost. We were informed that they could seal the joints for approximately \$50,000, but could not guarantee the work as the pool has too much deterioration. The council agreed that the city will open

JUNE MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, June 17th at 6:00pm @
Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 12th at
6:00pm @ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 13th at 6:00pm
@ City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, June 18th 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

the pool "as is" this summer, and have on-going discussions on how to move forward with the pool for the future. The city will once again contract with the YMCA for lifeguards and will be opening June 17, 2024. Pool hours will be 1:00-5:00 Monday -Friday. Kenneth was asked to look into fiberglass pool inserts. A survey will go out to the community this summer asking for their input on options for the pool for the future.

Correspondence from Dave Baty was reviewed. The East Umatilla Fire and Rescue is asking permission to close Main Street August 24, 2024 from 2nd Street to 4th Street, between 10:00am-2:00pm to host a "Hose Cart Race" down Main Street. They intend to make this an annual event in other district-served towns in the future. However, would like to start in Athena. A motion was made and seconded to allow the closure of Main Street on August 24th, 10:00-2:00 for the Hose Cart Race. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: Permit #2024-01 for Aspen Heights and Permit #2024-02 for Micchael Verdin were approved.

New Business: None

Old Business: City Burn Pile - the burn pile was discussed once again. After receiving quotes for fencing for the area, it was deemed too expensive. A concerned citizen asked for the burn pile to remain closed due to environmental reasons. Bringing in green waste dumpsters or moving the pile to an alternate site were options that were discussed. Michelle will visit with Humbert's to see if they have any ideas for us. For the time being, the pile will remain closed.

Mayor Schroeder updated the council on the Umatilla County Housing. She spoke with Roger Condi from the Umatilla County Housing Authority and she was told that they have a letter from HUD and are moving forward with the dispossessing of the property. An appraisal of the property will be done and hopefully a management company will buy it to keep it running. No further information is known at this time.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Hiring summer intern. Stephanie submitted the Annual Library Service Plan
Parks & Rec: Pool will open June 17.



Caledonian Games - Saturday, July 13

The Athena Caledonian Games, less than two months away, is celebrating the 125th year since the first Caledonian Games was held in 1899, and the whole family is invited to join the fun on July 13! Kids 10 and younger can join the Bike, Trike and Pet Parade on Main Street. Families can register an entry in the Caledonian Main Street Parade. A full day of exciting things to do, see, hear and taste will follow from about 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the park. Athletic events begin at noon and continue until all events are completed. The first annual Caledonian Weekend Vehicle Show will set up on Main Street following the parade and will be open to viewers during the afternoon. This new regional event is not part of the Caledonian festival, but its organizers have timed it perfectly to help make our 125th celebration even more fun. People of any age who are willing to actively influence Athena's community spirit are always welcome. If you have only a few hours to give, you could join the set-up and/or clean-up crews on July 12 & 13. On July 13 you could work a two-hour shift in the souvenir booth or manage information tables. Serving as a host for clan tents, food vendors, merchandise vendors, or overnight campers gives opportunity to meet many interesting people. Individuals, families and businesses are encouraged to register to be in the parade Saturday morning. To get involved in making Athena's premier community event even better, email athenacaledoniangames@gmail.com. To download a parade entry form and to discover who is confirmed to participate in the 2024 festival, go to kjdurfee.wixsite.com/athenascottishgames and navigate to the Participate button. Plan now to make the second weekend of July a highlight of your summer!

Public Works: No report

Fire: Ribbon cutting for opening new fire station is scheduled for August 12, at 1:00

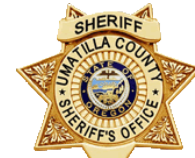
Sheriff: The sheriff's report is in packet.

Administration: City Recorder reminder council about Budget Meeting on May 15, 2024.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.**

**UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
REPORT FOR THE CITY OF
ATHENA**

**Total Calls for Service/Incidents
(April 2024)
103**



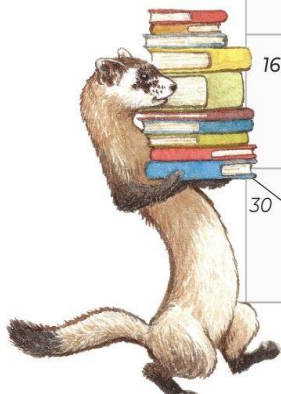
JUNE 2024 READ, RENEW, REPEAT



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Weekly scavenger hunt Come find the hidden critter in the library to be entered to win a Wildhorse movie pass! Begins June 17, 2024</p> <p>This year our summer reading theme is Read, Renew, Repeat! We will have fun programs and events planned for all ages. Stop by the Library to sign up and learn more about it!</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Library Board 6:00pm Summer Reading begins! Pick up a packet at the Library	18 Story time in the park 10:30am	19	20 Dragon Puppet Theater: The Super Silly Circus 5:30pm Pizza and a show!	21	22 Family night Mario Cart competition 5:00pm
30	23	24 Book Club 6:30pm Reading <i>It Ends With Us</i> by Colleen Hoover	25 Story time in the park 10:30am	26 Smokey Bear visits the Library! 5:00pm	27	28



Library Hours
Monday 12-6
Tuesday 11-5
Wednesday 11-6
Thursday 11-5
Friday 11-5
Sat & Sun CLOSED



ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY





- **Athena Tuesday Market** starts Tuesday, June 3, from 4pm-7pm at Dugger Park on Main Street. Angela Treadwell will be our Market Manager this year. More info on Facebook.
- **Save the Date!** Athena Community Night Out will be on Friday, July 12, 2024, coinciding with Athena Caledonian Weekend.
- The **Caledonian Weekend Vehicle Show** will take place after the Caledonian Parade on Saturday. More info on Facebook.
- Next **AMA meeting** is Monday, June 3 at 6pm, at the Stahl Building.
- Please send your nominations for **Athena Yard of the Month!** Email AMA at athenamainstreet@gmail.com



Community Calendar 2024

- Tuesday Market Begins June 4th
- Pool Opens Monday, June 17 1:00-5:00
- Hodaka Days, June 27th-30th
- Community Night Out Friday, July 12th
- Caledonian Games, Saturday July 13th

CITY BURN PILE

The city burn pile is still closed until further notice. The city is currently working on a solution that is both convenient for our citizens and environmentally safe. It has come to our attention that many citizens are now burning their own yard debris, which is understandable, but please be advised that there are definite rules that must be followed.

NO open burning, even under permit, shall be done during dry periods on days when a wind in excess of 5 miles per hour is blowing or at other times when, in the opinion of the city fire chief, such burning would create a fire hazard or nuisance.

NO burning shall be permitted within 20 feet of any building or other structure made of combustible material.

Yard cleanup such as leaves, flowers, branches, etc., may be burned in a pile not to exceed 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet high. Water source must be on site.

IT MUST be a legal "Burn Day" according to Umatilla County Smoke Management. ALWAYS call 541-278-6397 before burning.

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