

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

Attendance: Council President Gene Wright called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:03 pm. Roll was taken with councilors Sally Thompson and Wayne Kostur being present. Mayor Becky Schroeder, and councilors John Manderscheid and Katie Zmuda were excused. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 4 guests were also present. Councilor Wright led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

AMA - A report for the AMA was in the council packet. Tuesday Market is going well. Next meeting is Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Stahl Building. Community Night Out is July 12, 5:00-9:00. Live Music, Beer Garden, Food, Kids Activities, and a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will all be offered. A motion was made and seconded for the AMA to close Main Street for Community Night Out. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 5/9/24 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution Declaring City Election to Receive State Revenues. Motion carried 3-0.

JULY MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00pm
@ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 11th at 6:00pm @
City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, July 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



A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2024-03 Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, Impose & Categorize the Tax. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to award the Small City Allotment Grant Project for the S. 5th Street Sidewalk to Bolen Construction.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum of the commission members.

New Business: None

Old Business: City Burn Pile - the burn pile was discussed once again. Larry Nye, Duane Hetterley, and Lyman Shaw, all Athena residents, spoke in support of the burn pile being reopened and the importance of having this service for the community. City Recorder Michelle Fox updated the council on the opening of the pool. The pool will open on June 17. Pool hours will be Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00. Water aerobics will be offered Tuesday-Thursday 5:00-6:00. A survey will be sent out this summer to city residents on options for the future of the pool.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: No report given. Written report in council packet.

Parks & Rec: Pool will open June 17.

Public Works: No report

Fire: Report in packet.

Sheriff: The sheriff's report is in packet.

Administration: Assistant Recorder will be out on maternity leave until September 9.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **July 11, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.**

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENA

Total Calls for Service/Incidents (May 2024)


138

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!

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>STORY TIME IN THE PARK WITH MONICA</i> 10:30AM Library Closed	3 Crafternoon Recycled can bird feeders 5:00pm	4  Library Closed	5 Library Closed	6
7	8	9 <i>STORY TIME IN THE PARK</i> 10:30AM	10 Crafternoon Book page art 5:00pm	11	12	13 Caledonian Parade 9:00am Be sure to look for Library Book Biki
14	15 Library Board 6:00pm	16 <i>STORY TIME IN THE PARK</i> 10:30AM	17 Museum of Natural and Cultural History Journey Under the Sea 6:00pm	18	19	20 ADULT BINGO! 3:00pm
21	22 Book Club 6:30pm July pick: The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams Join us for discussion and to get a copy of our next read!	23 <i>STORY TIME IN THE PARK</i> 10:30AM	24 Crafternoon Socktopus craft 5:00pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 <i>STORY TIME IN THE PARK</i> 10:30AM	31 Crafternoon Tye Dye 5:00pm	1 End of Summer Reading! 2 Turn your log in to the library for your free t-shirt and book! Prize drawings will be announced at 4:00pm		

August

Exciting Opportunities at Our Library!

Are you passionate about books and community engagement? We have some fantastic news for you! Our library currently has two open positions on the Library Board, and we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join us. As a Library Board member, you can contribute to the overall growth and improvement of our library services. The time commitment only requires attendance at our monthly meetings, the third Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the library. Have children and worried about being able to attend? Kids are welcome to come play in the library during meetings. If you are interested in joining, please stop by the library for more information or to submit a letter of interest. If you would like to see how a meeting goes, join us at our next meeting on July 15, 2024 at 6:00pm.

As you can see from our calendar, the library has a variety of fun programs for everyone, from story time, summer reading, crafts, and performers to adult bingo, book club, and more! In addition, we will be introducing some fantastic new books to our collection that you won't want to miss. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website to stay up to date on programs, events, and to see what new books we have!

Museum of Natural and Cultural History; Journey Under the Sea - Bringing the museum to you! Dive into an ocean of hands-on science fun while exploring Oregon's underwater environments. Discover the amazing variety of life beneath the waves in beautiful kelp forests or rugged, rocky reefs. Engage in activities and investigations that will inspire you to protect Oregon's diverse ocean habitat.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00pm at the library.

Athena City Pool 2024

Monday-Friday

Open Swim: 1:00PM-5:00PM

Tuesday-Thursday

Water Aerobics 5:00PM-6:00PM

Closed - Saturday-Sunday

Independence Day Observation

The City Office, Public Works, and Public Library will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day





Community Calendar 2024

- **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.

- 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 CLOSED PERMANENTLY

The City of Athena has received the following information from the Oregon DEQ:

“Pursuant to ORS 340-264-0060 (2) No person may cause or allow to be initiated or maintained any open burning that creates a nuisance or a hazard o public safety. Additionally, (8) No person may cause or allow o be initiated or maintained any open burning of debris removed from the property or origin unless the person received a letter permit pursuant to OAR 340-264-0180. A letter permit is not required to burn agricultural waste removed from the property of origin provided the waste remains under control of the same responsible person.”

With this being said, it would be a violation to continue with the community burn pile. You can, however, following these rules for personal burning.

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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