

February 13, 2025

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, Chris Hopkins, Katie Zmuda, and John Manderscheid being present. Councilor Kostur was excused. City Recorder, Michelle Fox and two guest were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

AMA - April McKenna gave update for AMA. Nominations for Citizen of the Year are due by March 7, 2025. The banquet will be held on April 4, 2025. Tickets are \$40.00. Citizen of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement award will be presented at the banquet, and the Youth Award will be presented at the pre-graduation ceremony.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 1/9/25 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: Council reviewed a new Business License Application for "I Have Lived a Thousand Lives Bookstore". A motion was made and seconded to approve the Business Application for "I Have Lived a Thousand Lives Bookstore". Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: Planning Commission approved Building Permit #2025-01 for Aspen Heights Lot #18.

New Business: None

Old Business: A new timeline for posting and hiring the City Recorder was agreed upon. The job will be posted and application will be received February 15-March 15; Interviews will be scheduled for March 17-21; Job offer on March 22; and start date will be May 1, 2025.

The council discussed having Michelle contract back to the City for 542 hours of training and filling in for office absences in exchange for 11 months of insurance. A motion was made and seconded to contract 542 hours with Michelle in exchange for 11 months of insurance after her retirement. Motion carried 4-0.

The city is now taking applications for a Swimming Pool Manager and Lifeguards. The YMCA had a hard time finding staff to cover our pool last summer so the city would like to find its own staff if possible.

Work on the mechanical room at the pool will be starting in the next week or two.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Stephanie reported for the library. The library has been very busy weeding books that have not been circulated for 6 years. These books will be going to a school in Figi. She emphasized that no historical information about the City of Athena has been discarded from the library. Stephanie has also been rearranging the library for more efficiency.

Parks & Rec: Mechanical Room work at pool will start in the next week or two.

Public Works: Councilor Manderscheid will meet with Public Works next week.

Fire: Report in packet

Sheriff: Report in packet

Administration: Michelle will be having knee surgery in May or June. She will be out of office for approximately 5 weeks.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 13, 2025 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, City Recorder _____