

## THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2024

**Attendance:** Mayor Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:04 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Sally Thompson, Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur (via zoom), and John Manderscheid being present. Councilor Wright was excused due to illness. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 1 guest were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kylie McClintock from Cockburn & McClintock reviewed the financial audit for 2022-2023.

AMA - Katie Zmuda reported for AMA. The Citizen of the Year banquet will be held Friday, April 5, 2024. Katie extended an invitation for all councilors and city employees to attend.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 1/11/24 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** Loren Stroud submitted a letter to the council asking permission to keep Main Street and a section of Third Street closed after the Caledonian Games parade so it could be used for the car show. They intend to move the show from the park to Main Street this year. Third Street will be used for any overflow vehicles in the show. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request to keep Main Street and a portion of Third Street closed for the car show after the Caledonian Games parade. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission:** Meeting was cancelled for February

**New Business:** A letter from Karen Hedine, CEO of the YMCA in Walla Walla, was reviewed. In the letter, Karen explained that due to the lifeguard shortage throughout the State, the YMCA may or may not be able to support the Athena City Pool this summer. A discussion about the difficulty to find and hire lifeguards was discussed. A notice has been posted on the reader board at City Hall, and flyers will be posted around town and at the High School to see if we can generate some interest in lifeguarding. Unfortunately, without lifeguards, the city pool will be forced to stay closed this summer.

**Old Business:** Code Enforcement - Mayor Schroeder updated the council on the Code Enforcement meeting that was held with the County Planning Department, the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department and representatives from the City of Athena. After council discussion, it was agreed to have the County Planning Department revise a new, one year

contract, for council review at the next meeting.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** The State Library Director will attend meeting next month. The library had 1002 visitors in January.

**Parks & Rec:** None

**Public Works:** Nothing new to report

**Fire:** They have started their Inter Facility Transfers

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

**Administration:** Michelle will be gone February 18-29.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 14, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Michelle Fox, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_