

February 12, 2026

Attendance: Councilor Manderscheid called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilors Thompson, Shurtz, Zmuda and Martinez were present. Mayor Schroeder was excused. City Recorder Jen Thul present along with 3 guests. Councilor Manderscheid led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Swimming Pool Update- Bob Johns presented, currently have \$150,000 pledged from private donors to the pool renovation project with the hopes to open in June 2026. Working on other local donors to raise the remaining \$70,000 needed to move forward this year. Discussion on city's ability to move forward with project pending outside funding and vendor availability this Spring. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the pool renovation project in 2026 pending remaining funding needed of \$70,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Kylie McClintock – 2024-2025 Audit report - Reviewed financials, clean audit.

Athena Mainstreet Association – Occupancy was officially changed with the state, now able to rent building for events, currently working on rental agreement. Citizen of the Year Banquet will be Friday, April 3rd, doors open 5:30, tickets \$25. Requested City Councilor join nomination committee and present award at banquet. Sally Thompson volunteered. Nominations are due March 6th.

Consent Agenda: Approval of 1/8/26 Council meeting minutes, financial statements, and bills. A motion was made and seconded to approve the edited council meeting minutes, financial statements and bills from January. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable Items: Fleet Safety Policy – would like more time to review – need to add certification requirements - keep on agenda for next month

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: The commission reviewed and approved a permit for a shop addition for Joseph Kuehn on 4th street. Reviewed open permits.

Old Business: Umatilla County Code Enforcement – 160 E Main property – Rich visited Tuesday, was hopeful it would be complete by today/tomorrow at the latest. Will revisit next Tuesday and give report.

Weston Athena Parks & Recreation District – Sally connected with Commissioner John Shafer; he was taking questions to County attorneys. Sally continue conversation and request Commissioners attend next meeting.

New Business:

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: ALFA will pay for new interior paint, replace bathroom flooring and new carpets to be cleaned. Still very busy with daily/weekly events. Yearly report was great!

Parks & Rec: City Park has a couple trees need removed, scheduled for Spring.

Public Works: Kenneth out thru February. Brian still working on wastewater certification. Brian/Kim cleaned out city shop, scrap metal removed by Doherty Recycling.

Fire: No report in packet. Chief Baty added Tracy to mailing list, reviewed report verbally.

Sheriff: Joe reported on meeting with Sheriff and Captain. Reviewed draft contract for 2026-2030. Willing to adjust our changes – provide additional support, change in-service requirements. Discussion on reducing hours from 80 to 60 per week. Requested new drafts to review prior to next months council meeting.

Administration: Michelle at 137.5 hours, will continue to work until required hours met.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 12, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Jen Thul, City Recorder _____