

**March 12, 2026**

**Attendance:** Mayor Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Thompson, Shurtz, Zmuda, and Martinez present. City Recorder Jen Thul and 4 guests were also present. Councilor Manderscheid was excused. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:** Gregg Floren, representative of Hodaka Days – asked permission to hold the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Hodaka Days and all the events again this year June 25-28<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and seconded to approve Hodaka Days June 25-28, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Athena Mainstreet Association – Citizen of the Year Banquet is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, AMA requested the City of Athena sponsor a table which includes recognition at event, in press release and 6 tickets to the event. A motion was made and seconded to approve the table sponsorship for the Citizen of the Year Banquet held by AMA on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Councilor Zmuda abstaining.

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of 2/12/26 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 February. Motion passed 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** DEQ Wastewater Project Contract – Anderson Perry – Reviewed design loan terms. Will review and need vote next month.

The first reading of Ordinance 960 was read in full and by title. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the revision to Ordinance 960. Motion carried 4-0.

Business License – MJ Enterprise – A motion was made and seconded to approve Business License for MJ Enterprise. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission:** The commission reviewed and approved a permit for 150 S Beamer Street in Aspen Heights. Reviewed open permits.

### **Old Business:**

Weston Athena Parks & Recreation District – Councilor Thompson continue conversation with County attorneys for next steps.

Swimming Pool – Bob Johns presented – Currently at \$152,000 in pledges towards renovation project scheduled for this Spring, working on the remainder. Reviewed proposed contract from Mid-America. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Construction Agreement provided by Mid-America. Motion passed 4-0.

Umatilla County Sheriff Contract – Reviewed proposals. Meet with UCSO admin to finalize draft prior to April meeting.

**New Business:** Jen presented the Budget Calendar for the 2026-2027 budget year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget calendar for 2026-2027. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Schroeder appointed Jen Thul as the Budget Office for the 2026-2027 budget year.

Mayor Schroeder re-appointed Jerry Baker and Terry Reynolds to the budget committee. Mayor Schroeder appointed Cindy Shurtz and Tanna Haley to the budget committee for new 3 year terms.

Jen reminded Councilors to complete their SEI filing again this year – it opens March 15<sup>th</sup> and is due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Closed during Spring Break for painting, new flooring. Working on budget, summer planning, busy with weekly programing.

**Parks & Rec:**

**Public Works:**

**Fire:** Report in packet.

**Sheriff:** Reviewed draft contracts for 2026-2031.

**Administration:** Michelle at 168 hours. Provided letter with official last day of June 30<sup>th</sup>, will reimburse city for any unworked hours per agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **April 9, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.**

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

Attested: Jen Thul, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_