

May 9, 2024

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, Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, and John Manderscheid being present. Council Gene Wright was excused. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 4 guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

AMA - Angela Treadwell reported for AMA. The first "Yard of the Month" for the season goes to Bill and Pam Ezell. The AMA asked the city council for permission to use Dugger Park for Tuesday Market again this year and asked the city to furnish a porta potty for the season. They also asked the city for a \$200.00 donation for Community Night Out. A motion was made and seconded to allow the park use, porta potty and a \$200.00 donation. Motion carried 4-0

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

Actionable Items: The city pool was discussed. Public Works Manager, Kenneth Faircloth informed the council that a representative from a pool company in Idaho came to inspect the pool to see if the joints could be repaired and at what cost. We were informed that they could seal the joints for approximately \$50,000, but could not guarantee the work as the pool has too much deterioration. The council agreed that the city will open the pool "as is" this summer, and have on-going discussions on how to move forward with the pool for the future. The city will once again contract with the YMCA for lifeguards and will be opening June 17, 2024. Pool hours will be 1:00-5:00 Monday - Friday. Kenneth was asked to look into fiberglass pool inserts. A survey will go out to the community this summer asking for their input on options for the pool for the future.

Correspondence from Dave Baty was reviewed. The East Umatilla Fire and Rescue is asking permission to close Main Street August 24, 2024 from 2nd Street to 4th Street, between 10:00am-2:00pm to host a "Hose Cart Race" down Main Street. They intend to make this an annual event in other district-served towns in the future. However, would like to start in Athena. A motion was made and seconded to allow the closure of Main Street on August 24th, 10:00-2:00 for the Hose Cart Race. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: Permit #2024-01 for Aspen Heights and Permit #2024-02 for Micchael Verdin were approved.

New Business: None

Old Business: City Burn Pile - the burn pile was discussed once again. After receiving quotes for fencing for the area, it was deemed too expensive. A concerned citizen asked for the burn pile to remain closed due to environmental reasons. Bringing in green waste dumpsters or moving the pile to an alternate site were options that were discussed. Michelle will visit with Humbert's to see if they have any ideas for us. For the time being, the pile will remain closed.

Mayor Schroeder updated the council on the Umatilla County Housing. She spoke with Roger Condi from the Umatilla County Housing Authority and she was told that they have a letter from HUD and are moving forward with the dispossessing of the property. An appraisal of the property will be done and hopefully a management company will buy it to keep it running. No further information is known at this time.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Hiring summer intern. Stephanie submitted the Annual Library Service Plan

Parks & Rec: Pool will open June 17.

Public Works: No report

Fire: Ribbon cutting for opening new fire station is scheduled for August 12, at 1:00

Sheriff: The sheriff's report is in packet.

Administration: City Recorder reminder council about Budget Meeting on May 15, 2024.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, City Recorder _____