

HE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

**February 14, 2019**

**Attendance:** Mayor Becky Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm in the Miller Family Community Room. Roll was taken with Councilors Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, and Gene Wright present. Councilors Pat Gibson and Carol Speed were excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and sixteen guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:**

**Athena Chamber of Commerce:** Christina McBean reminded everyone the Citizen of the Year banquet will be held on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Athena Christian Church. Tickets are \$15 at the door and Gene Wright will be taking pictures.

**Hodaka Days:** Dave Dvorak, with the Hodaka Club, asked permission for use of the park for the annual Hodaka Days Celebration. Dates are June 27-30. Dave also requested permission to have a 30 amp/110-volt outlet installed on the power pole behind the pavilion in the park. The Public Works Department will check into this. A motion was made and seconded to allow the outlet be installed if feasible. Motion was approved 3-0 with councilors Kostur, Thompson and Wright voting in favor.

**Blue Mountain Fire Authority:** Fire Chief, Dave Baty is in need of two councilors to be on the Board. Gene Wright and Becky Schroeder will fill those positions. Gene Wright will be the liaison for the council.

**Residence Complaint:** Several citizens voiced complaints and concerns regarding a resident who is breaking several ordinances and asked the council what could be done to rectify the situation. Officer Hayes from the Umatilla County Sheriff's office was in attendance to answer questions regarding situations at this residence that could possibly be public safety issues.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/10/19 regular meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilors Kostur, Thompson, and Wright voting to approve.

**Actionable Items:** Price Computers submitted a proposal to reconstruct the city website and enhance city email capabilities, which would include assigning each councilor a city email address. Nancy presented information from the League of Oregon Cities attorney Patti Chapman on why this would be beneficial to the city, especially concerning Public Records Laws. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the website upgrade and email enhancements. The motion was seconded and approved 3-0 with Councilors Kostur, Thompson, and Wright voting in favor.

A business license application was received from Interior Logic Group Property Services. A motion was made to approve the business license. The motion was seconded and approved 3-0 with Councilors Kostur, Thompson, and Wright voting in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** The commission approved changing Marty & Gina Ray's permit for a carport from wood to metal.

**Livestock:** Jamey & Samantha Harley @ 203 E Jefferson have a sick horse in their yard, and are requesting permission for a variance to allow them to keep the horse there until it is well. The request was accompanied by a letter from their veterinarian explaining the illness and that the horse needed constant monitoring for approximately two weeks. A motion was made and seconded to approve the variance for 30 days. Harleys will need to attend to the next council meeting for a follow-up report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nancy reviewed the booklet "Local Government - the Basics" with the councilors.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** City offices will be closed February 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of President's Day.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 14, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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

Attested: Nancy Parker, CMC, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_