

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

**April 11, 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 Pat Gibson, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson and Gene Wright present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and six guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol Speed arrived at 6:04 pm.

**Business from the Public:**

**Athena Chamber of Commerce:** The annual park cleanup went well. The roses were trimmed, and other debris removed. The City-wide yard sale will be May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Chamber is hosting a sale. Tuesday Market will be held in June & July this year. They requested permission to use Dugger Park again, and asked the city to pay for porta-potties for the two months at a cost of \$150. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow the use of Dugger Park and to fund the porta-potties.

**Main Street Association:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Sweep on May 4<sup>th</sup> will extend from Hwy 11 to Grandview. Nutrien (formerly Crop Production Services) will again co-ordinate pick-ups and can be reached at 541-566-3533. All volunteers are welcome, plus the city provides a free lunch!

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 3/14/19 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**Actionable Items:** Mayor Schroeder proclaimed **April 7-13 National Library Week**.

**Nancy distributed copies** of Ordinances 10.7 - Granting a Franchise to Eastern Oregon Telecom & 10.8 Designating Set-Aside Fees up to Two -Years for Eastern Oregon Telecom to offset the cost of instillation of the digital transformation program. Council will review and discuss at the May meeting.

**Athena Caledonian Games** submitted a letter requesting permission to place the previously approved metal art projects in the park. One will go over the bridge to the park at fifth street, and the other on the pavilion. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Gene Wright recused himself because he is on the Caledonian Games Board. Motion carried 4-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** Mayor Schroeder appointed Mary Bonifer to the Planning Commission. Mary replaces Robin Pickard.

The commission approved permit # 2019-01 for Barry & Paula Warner to build a garage at 523 E Van Buren; and permit 2019-02, allowing Lloyd Shank to place a new manufactured home at 315 E College.

**Livestock:** Commission Chairperson Duane Hetterly questioned if the Livestock Commission still needed to conduct annual inspections, or if they should be done every two or three years because the same people renew their permits annually. After much discussion it was decided to continue with the annual inspections. Two additional members are needed to serve on this committee. Nancy will post another notification seeking letters of interest.

**Old Business:** Nancy reported the abatement procedure at 341 W Garfield went fairly well, lasting about an hour. She also distributed copies of the Grants Pass municipal code that deals with chronic nuisance property and unnecessary noise violations. Council members were asked to review the information and be ready to discuss it with Code Enforcement at the June meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Athena will be hosting the Region 11 Small Cities meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Nancy was awarded two scholarships to attend PDIV in Tacoma WA June 10-13<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks & Rec:** The pool manager and four lifeguards are returning from last year. At least one additional lifeguard will be hired, and possibly two. Information was received on increasing the power source at the pavilion. Nancy will contact Hodaka to see if they would be willing to split the approximate \$5,000 cost.

**Public Works:** The playground equipment will be installed at the park as soon as weather permits. They have been doing alley work to repair potholes and ruts from the garbage truck.

**Fire:** The latest Chief's reports were included in the packets. Dave Baty is doing a nice job coordinating the consolidation effort. Gene Wright reported one benefit of the IGA will be higher ISO scores, which means reduced insurance rates.

**Library:** Kristin presented the 2019-20 Annual Library Service Plan, which outlined goals to increased services to the K-12 population; increase adult attendance at library programming; and to create a vibrant volunteer program and support the growth and revitalization of Athena Library Friends Association (ALFA). She also announced the monthly computer use statistics, which show usage increased 827 compared to 390 last year, with two months left in the year. Excellent job Kristin!!

**Carol Speed:** Carol announced an exercise class will be held on Saturday mornings at 9 am in the elementary school gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **May 9, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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

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