

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

May 9, 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 and Sally Thompson present. Carol Speed attended by phone and Gene Wright was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and ten guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Fire Chief Dave Baty gave a short presentation on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Fire and Emergency Services, then answered questions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the IGA. Motion carried 4-0.

Stace Lee, SPArC Coordinator, from Umatilla County Public Health presented a program aimed at adopting a county wide Tobacco Retail Ordinance. The purpose is to in-act a tobacco retail license, paid for by retailers. The program is designed to discourage youth smoking and monitor/discourage retailers from selling tobacco and vaping produces to underage consumers. The Councilors agreed it is a good program, but would like to see the finished proposal before it is presented to Umatilla County Commissioners.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Will host a sale during the Community Wide Yard Sale May 18th at 236 W Darwin. They are requesting gently used items to sell, to fund future Chamber projects.

Main Street Association (MSA): The 4th Annual Clean Sweep on May 4th was a huge success. Twenty adults and two children participated. Nutrien (formerly Crop Production Services) hauled more loads than in previous years. The association thanked the city for providing the free lunch, which was also used to feed the Nutrien crew and a group working on the Gem Theatre.

MSA announced they received a grant for \$171,219 from Oregon Main Street Revitalization to use for clean-up of the Stahl building. They will hold an open house May 31st from 4-6 pm in the Miller Family Community Room at City Hall, to share information and answer questions about the project.

Future MSA projects include Tuesday Market, beginning June 4th from 4-7pm. The market will run every Tuesday through July. They are serving root-beer floats again during Hodaka Days and hosting a mini Tuesday market in the park during Caledonian Games.

They are also hosting the second Community Night Out on August 2nd, and requested permission to close Main Street from 3rd - 4th. A motion was made, seconded and approved 4-0 to allow the street closure.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/11/19 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Councilor Kostur noted the heading on the minutes says "he", not "The". Nancy will correct the template she is using. Motion carried unanimously.

Actionable Items: Discussion of Ordinance 10.7 Eastern Oregon Telecom Franchise and Ordinance 10.8 Eastern Oregon Telecom Set Aside was tabled until next month when a representative of EOT can be in attendance to answer questions.

A letter was received from Umatilla County Commissioners asking for a donation to support the County's Complete Count Census Committee. After discussion, it was agreed Nancy will contact the Commissioner's office to learn what the benefit would be to the City, and the amount of donation they are requesting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Livestock Permits for Rhonda Gilbert & Jessica Goold. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approved Resolution 2019-03 Accepting Ordinance Code Revision, Amending, Restating, and Codifying. Motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.

Livestock: No one has applied for the two open positions, and additional members are still needed to serve on this committee.

Old Business: Nancy reminded councilors to review and be ready to discuss the Grants Pass Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance at the June meeting.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Parks & Rec: The first piece of playground equipment has been installed and the bark chips will be delivered next Tuesday. The final piece of equipment will be installed after the pool is ready.

Fire: The latest Chief's reports were included in the packets.

Public Works: The guys have started cleaning and getting the pool ready for the June 8th opening. Once the pool is ready, they will install the final piece of playground equipment.

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams reported Teen Craft nights are being well attended. The Middle School art will be on display next week and an awards show is planned for May 20th.

The Summer Reading Program will begin soon and the theme is "A Universe of Stories", to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. A special party will be held on July 20th at 7:00 pm. The Library Board is seeking a new member to replace Dianna Ford, who is leaving the board after eight years. Thank you for your service Dianna!!

Administration: Nancy reminded everyone of the Budget Committee Meeting on May 15th at 6pm. Michelle will be facilitating.

Councilor Report:

Councilor Kostur asked if the City had a drone ordinance, or if surrounding cities do? Nancy will make inquiries and report back to council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 13, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, CMC, City Recorder _____