

CITY COUNCIL

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Rebecca Schroeder,
Mayor

Wayne Kostur

Parks & Recreation

Gene Wright,

Comm. of Fire Services

Carol Speed,

Comm. of Public Works

Sally Thompson,

Comm. of Administration

Pat Gibson

Comm. of Library

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday

8am - 5pm

(open during lunch)

Closed

all legal holidays

CITY PHONE

NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862

City Shop 566-0228

Library 566-2470

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Sheriff
Dispatch 541-966-3651

YARD SALE TIME!!!

May is here and we are getting ready for our annual yard sale day. Saturday, **May 18th** from 8:00am-3:00-pm. If you are interested in having a yard sale and being put on the map, please call either City Hall (541)566-3862 or Bee's Knees (541) 566-02503 with your address and contact information. (Your contact information will not be on the map). We provide maps for easy shopping. Best time of year to have a yard sale. We advertise for you! We look forward to another great year. For questions, contact Paula Babb (541) 566-3861.

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2019



MAY MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, May 7th @ 5:30

Library Board (Library)

Monday, 6th @ 5:30 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 8th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 9th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 21st @ 5:30 pm

May Activities at the library:

Summer is coming fast and we're making lots of plans for an exciting Summer Reading Program! This summer's theme is A Universe of Stories so we'll be exploring space in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. We'll have weekly activities on Wednesdays starting June 26. We'll also continue weekly Thursday Crafternoons with great Space related crafts! This year we're offering a weekly NASA Rocket Science course for kids 10 and up. At the end of the summer class participants will get to build and launch their own rockets. Kids must pre-register to attend this class which will be held on Tuesday mornings starting June 18. You can get more information about all our Summer activities and reading prizes at the library!

May Activities:

May 1: Teen Craft Night 6:00 – 7:30

May 2: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:45

May 9: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:45

May 14: Adult Book Club *The Next Thing on My List* by Jill Smolinski
6:30 – 8:00

May 16: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:45

May 20: Middle School Art Show 5:30pm

May 30: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:45

CALEDONIAN GAMES

Attention VENDORS,
Food Vendors and Clan
Tents: Please sign-up to
join us in City Park on July
13 & 14 for Caledonian
Games. We have a new
web

site: www.athenacaledonia.org
for registration forms
or send a message to
athenacaledoniagames@gmail.com.

Please help Caledonian
protect our precious
traditions in Athena with
donations of \$50 to ACG.
Please become a
Guardian.

CLEAN SWEEP & ADOPT- A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Get your team together for the fourth annual Clean Sweep
& Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

9:00 AM

Volunteers needed -All Ages & Abilities

9:00 AM—Meet at American Legion Hall on Main Street to sign
liability waiver and receive project assignment. Volunteers
should wear close-toed shoes, gloves and sunscreen.
Refreshments provided throughout the day.

12:00—Cinco de Mayo lunch provided for volunteers at the
American Legion Hall.

To volunteer or lend tools—April Vorhauer –Flatt 541-969-4811

To schedule curbside debris removal—Chad Wunsch 541-566-
3533

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVATION

*The City Office, Public Works, and Public Library will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of
Memorial Day.*



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
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 18th 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 4th Annual Clean Sweep on May 4th 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 17th. Nancy was awarded two scholarships to attend PDIV in Tacoma WA June 10-13th.

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.



4/11/19 minutes continued

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.

*Minutes are subject to council approval, any corrections or additions will appear in the next newsletter *

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1 2019 to June 30, 2020 will be held at Athena City Hall meeting room, 215 S Third Street, Athena, OR. The meeting will take place on May 15 at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 10 at Athena City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This notice is also posted on our website at www.cityofathena.com.



WATER METERS

Spring is trying really hard to show up! We are going to attempt to read the meters this month. Please unpack your meters by the 20th of May. Remember a fine of \$10.00 will be imposed if your meter has not been cleaned out. Thank you!

TUESDAY EVENING MARKET

The Chamber of Commerce is excited for the 2019 Tuesday Market season to begin!



The first market is May 1st and the season will run every Tuesday until the end of August. The market is held at Dugger Park and runs from

4pm-7pm.

Vending is always FREE! For more information contact Chamber President Katie Zmuda 541-969-4810 or on Facebook @athenatuesdaymarket

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4	Athena Clean Sweep - (Free Dump Day)
May 18	City Wide Yard Sale
May 25	Helix Rodeo
May 27	Memorial Day
June 4	Tuesday Market Begins
June 27-30	Hodaka Days
July 12-13	Caledonian Days

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