

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2019



CITY COUNCIL

Rebecca Schroeder,
Mayor

Wayne Kostur,
Comm of Parks
Gene Wright,
Comm of Fire Services

Carol Speed,
Comm of Public Works

Sally Thompson
Comm of Administration

Pat Gibson,
Comm of Library

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862
City Shop 566-0228
Library 566-2470
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency
Dispatch 541-966-3651

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Library Board
Monday, 7th @ 5:30pm

Planning Commission
Wednesday, 9th @ 6:00pm

City Council
Thursday, 17th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery
Tuesday, 21st @ 5:30

10th ANNUAL ATHENA HOLIDAY BAZAAR

10th Annual Athena Holiday Bazaar –
December 7, 2019

Athena Elementary School from 9AM -
3PM

Last year there were over 50 vendors in
attendance and spots do fill up quickly!
If you are interested in being a vendor this
year, please contact April McKenna
to request an application.

(541) 310-9557

athenaholidaybazaar@yahoo.com

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS.....

Cooler days are here which means it's
time to check out more books! Stop by
the library for something to cozy up with.

**Storytime is moving! Starting October
4, preschool Storytime will be Friday
mornings at 10:30.**

**Bring your kids birth-age 6 to the
library for stories, songs, crafts and
fun!**

October 2: Teen Night: Screen Printing T-
shirts 6:30pm – 8:00pm

October 3: Crafternoon: Clothespin
People 3:00pm – 4:30pm

October 5: Library book sale at the
Athena Fall Festival 10am – 3pm

October 7: Library Board Meeting 6pm

October 8: Adult Book Club: Americanah
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie 6:30pm

October 10: Crafternoon: Paper Plate
Owls 3:00pm – 4:30pm

October 14: Library Closed for Columbus
Day

October 16: Teen Night: Hollow Books
6:30pm – 8:00pm

October 17: Crafternoon: Funny Faces
Flip Book 3:00-4:30pm

October 24: Crafternoon: Pumpkin String
Art 3:00-4:30pm

October 31: No Crafternoon, join us at
Trunk or Treat on Main Street!

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Local Vendors, Food Vendors, Car
Show, Pie Baking Contest, Free Kid
Activities **October 5, 2019** from 10AM-
3PM on Main Street Athena

CALEDONIAN GAMES

Athena Caledonian Games will host Kimberly
Miller at a supper meeting in Athena Christian
Church dining room at 6 PM on Tuesday, October
8. She is related to George Cameron who was guest
speaker here in 1899. She has lots of information
about George Cameron and the Scottish influence in
Oregon with Caledonian Games, right in the middle
of it! For more information, call 541-566-3880.

GET YOUR FLU SHOTS HERE

Come get your flu shot at Athena City Hall Tuesday, October
8th from 9:00-11:00AM. Pre-register to guarantee insurance
acceptance, and enough vaccines are available.





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The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Athena City Council

September 12, 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, Carol Speed, Sally Thompson and Gene Wright present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and five guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: *Gina Miller, CEP*, Code Enforcement Officer & Program Coordinator for Umatilla County Department of Land Use Planning introduced Beth Harrington - the new Code Enforcement Officer for Athena. They toured the city prior to the meeting and have a number of properties Beth will be contacting.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Katie Zmuda reminded everyone Fall Festival will be October 5th from 10-3, with a car show, pie baking contest, and vendors. Come join the fun! They will also be hosting Trunk or Treat on Main Street for Halloween and are excited to host the Chamber Social again on November 6th from 5:30 -8 pm.

Main Street Association (MSA): April Flatt announced they have scheduled the Adopt-A- Highway event for November 17th @ 8 am. She also noted that Megan McLouth & Lillian Walters donated money from their flower sales at Tuesday Market to purchase new Christmas lights; which will replace the ones that were stolen off the downtown Christmas tree last year. Way to go Megan & Lillian - We love your community spirit!!

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 8/8/19 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Actionable Items: Byron Wysocki from W-Tech Link was in attendance to answer questions about the franchise agreement, which is the same as the ones for EOT and Lightspeed. A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 10-9, granting a franchise to W-Tech Link. The motion was approved 5-0.

After reviewing the Athena Public Library Policies, and there being no questions, a motion was made to approve the policies as presented. Motion was seconded and carried 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2019-07 - Volunteer Resolution between CIS and the City of Athena. Motion passed 5-0.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Council approved by consensus rescheduling the October meeting from the 10th to the 17th.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Permit #2019-04 was issued to Jerry Baker to build a workshop/garage at 410 N 4th.

Old Business: Nancy presented options for "Please Clean Up After Your Dog" signs at the park. Councilors agreed by consensus to purchase one for each park entrance, as well as one for the Skate Park and the Memorial Ballfield.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams submitted a written report. It included numbers for the State Statistical report, which were highlighted at the August council meeting. It also included the library mission statement: "Athena Public Library is a bold and vibrant part of Athena, Oregon. We support and develop programs and collections that contribute meaning and value to community life."

Public Works: A written report was included in the packets. The pool is closed for the season and they will be installing the cover next week. They have been working on new water mains on Van Buren, down the alley between 4th & 5th, and Van Buren & Jefferson. Due to this work, the city is required to chlorinate the water. Because we do not normally add chlorine, citizens may notice the smell or a slight taste difference. This is completely normal and safe. A small amount of sediment from the pipes may also be noticed.

Parks & Rec: Wayne is working to arrange a meeting with the High School, Little League, and the city about the ballpark.

Administration: City Hall will be closed September 17-20th to allow Michelle & Nancy to attend the OAMR Annual Conference in Bend.



Council Meeting Minutes Cont.

Councilors: Councilor Gene Wright gave kudos to East Umatilla Fire & Rescue (EUFR) on the handling of the Carter fire. He is very pleased with how everyone and everything is working together. It was a great effort by the 17 volunteers and the 4 paid firefighters. Gene also stated EUFR is considering a location for a new fire station.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **October 17, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT RETURNS TO MAIN ST.

Thursday, October 31

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Main Street

For kids of all ages

Decorate your car and hand out candy for trunk or treaters

Free hot dogs, cider, and other treats

Games

Best car décor prize

Organized by Athena Christian Church & Athena Chamber of Commerce

If you would like to have a host car, please register by contacting Beth Sweete at [Athena Christian Church](mailto:athenachristian.com), Mon - Thurs 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, at 566-3422 or email accoffice@athenachristian.com.



Chamber Membership Drive October - November!

This year the Chamber's annual events have included Citizen of the Year Banquet, Tuesday Market, Vendors in the Park for Caledonian Games, Community Night Out and currently Fall Festival. We appreciate all of the community participation and attendance at these events and look forward to organizing and bringing them back year after year.

Membership dues and Fundraising at events are how the Chamber continues funding these activities in Athena year-round - your support by membership helps the keep these events local and able bring our community together!!

If you are currently a member - be looking for a renewal application in the mail soon!

If you would like to join the Chamber - you can request or pick an application the following ways:

Request via Email: athenachamber@gmail.com

Request via Facebook: [@ athenachamber](#)

Pick Up : City Hall will have applications available to print and the Post Office will have a stack during our membership drive October - November



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 5, 2019 2019 Fall Festival 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Oct 8, 2019 Flu Shots available at City Hall at 9:00am
- Oct 31, 2019 Truck or Treat Returns to Main Street 5:00-6:30

City Hall Closures
 Athena City Hall, Public Works and Library will be closed Monday, October 14th in observation of Columbus Day.

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