

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2019

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, 4th @ 5:30pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 13th @ 6:00pm

City Council

Thursday, 14th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery

Tuesday, 19th @ 5:30

November Events at the Library.....

It's the season of thankfulness and we are thankful for you! We appreciate the parents and grandparents who have stepped up to provide snacks for our weekly Crafternoons. We appreciate the volunteers who help keep the library clean. We appreciate the volunteers who help kids paint and cut and create during Crafternoons. We appreciate everyone who uses and appreciates the library. We wouldn't be here without your continued support!

November activities at the library:

November 1: Closed for District wide training

November 6: Teen Night 6:30 -8:00

November 7: Crafternoon: Scarecrows 3:00 – 4:30

November 11: ALFA Annual Meeting 6:30 – 8pm

November 12: Adult Book Club: If We Make It Home 6:30 – 8pm

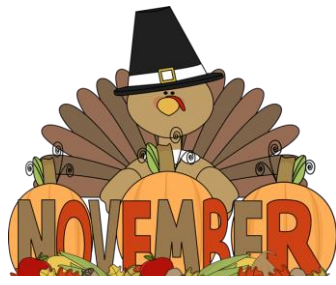
November 14: Crafternoon: Paper Airplanes 3:00 – 4:30

November 20: Teen Night 6:30 – 8:00

November 21: Crafternoon: Turkey Pot Holders 3:00 – 4:30

November 27, 28, 29: Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Get ready for many happenings in December. Santa will be here! We'll have a special evening cocoa and cookies family pajama storytime. Plus, we'll be celebrating a week long Hour of Code observance where we'll introduce our new robots, offer short coding classes and generally get you excited about all of the new technology brought to you through a grant from the Wildhorse Foundation! We can't wait to show you what's up our sleeves.



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

TIME TO PACK YOUR WATER METERS

Winter is just around the corner and the weather is changing quickly, so now is the time to pack your water meter with a plastic bag full of insulation in the form of leaves, plastic peanuts, or newspaper until Spring!



CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862

City Shop 566-0228

Library 566-2470

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency

Dispatch 541-966-3651

Athena Library Friends Association

Annual Meeting, Monday, November 11th
6:30 – 8:00pm

With guest speaker, Oregon Author Christina
Suzann Nelson

Join us for refreshments, an excellent
program and a chance to hear about ALFA's
planned activities for the upcoming year.

Kristin Williams, MLS

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

10th Annual Athena Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th from 9am – 3 pm at the Athena
Elementary School.

Shop over 50 local vendors! Vendor spaces are still available, but they do fill up fast! To reserve your space, contact April McKenna @ 541-310-9557 or on the Facebook event: 2019 Athena Holiday Bazaar. Santa will be visiting again this year from 12-2 and let the kids get creative with art projects. Hot breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria all day. Community members and holiday shoppers Like/Follow the Facebook event to preview vendor specials, as well as current bazaar information as we get closer to the event!



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The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Athena City Council

October 17, 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. Councilor Carol Speed was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and two guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Katie Zmuda gave a recap of Fall Festival. The weather was cooperative, there were 19 cars and 12-13 vendors. The committee is discussing options on continuing the event. She reminded everyone to come join the fun on Halloween during Trunk or Treat on Main Street. She also invited everyone to the Chamber Social on Wednesday November 6th from 6:00 -8 pm in the Miller Family Community Room at City Hall.

Main Street Association (MSA): April Flatt announced they have scheduled the Adopt-A- Highway event for November 17th @ 8 am. Anyone interested can meet at the Sugar Shack.

The holiday Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 8th. They are looking for ways to improve this event and to move it to a larger location.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 9/12/19 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Actionable Items: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The meeting was cancelled because there were no new permit requests. Commissioner reports were submitted to Nancy via email or orally.

Old Business: The dog signs for the parks were received and will be placed promptly. Pictures of the work on the 3rd street bridge were passed for all to see. The project is on schedule and should be complete by November 1st.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams was sorry to report Library Board President Jeff Capps has resigned. Mayor Schroeder appointed Elizabeth Fiumara to the vacant position. Kristin also noted the library funding formula from Umatilla County Library District is under review but will not affect us until 2022, if at all. She also presented a list of upcoming events and statistics for September 2019 vs. 2018.

Public Works: Water: A written report was included in the packets. Well 5 is running and has passed bacteria tests. They will be putting it in the system in the next couple of weeks and chlorinating just to be safe. Your water might smell and taste funny, but this is normal due to the chlorine.

The SCADA computer system is becoming outdated and a bid to replace it has been received from Simtek.

Sewer: All the main lines have been flushed with no issues.

Parks & Rec: Wayne and Becky met with High School and Little League representatives about the concession building at the ballpark. Wayne needs to contact one more contractor for more information, then hopefully schedule another meeting in the next two weeks.

Administration: City Hall will be closed Friday October 25th. Nancy will be on vacation the week of October 28 - November 1st. Becky announced Nancy was awarded the President's Award of Distinction at the annual Oregon Association of Municipal Records (OAMR) conference in September. She noted this is a very prestigious award and we should all be proud of Nancy for her work for both OAMR and the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **November 14, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room



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East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District Medic 400

October 17, 2019

Call to Order: 1900 hrs. by Chairman Wernlund

Members Present: Kim Herron, Chrys Wernlund, Chris Williams, Carol Kirk, Elizabeth McIntyre

Guest: Chief Baty (EUFR)

Approve Agenda: Motion C. Williams, second K. Herron Passed

Approve Minutes: Approved with one change concerning the Adjourn time. Changed from 1946 to 2046. Carol K. motioned, C. Williams second. Passed

Approved Treasurer Report: K. Herron motioned, C. Kirk second. Passed

Public Comment: Chrys Wernlund reminded everyone of Christmas Party is on Dec. 7th

Old Business:

- IGA – Report by Chief Baty, continues to move forward, things are going well, improving the financials and working on bringing HR items.
- EMT class. Going well on our end, students are engaged and working hard.
- High School class. Going well also 4-7 students.
- New vehicles. They are here and the necessary modifications are being made.
- Financial Review. Nearly complete, all questions and documents have been produced and answered. Waiting for final Summary to be done.

New Business:

- SDAO conference registration is coming up, Chris Williams showed some interest in going as well as Kim Herron.
- Discussed the Ballot Measure in Milton Freewater concerning the Ambulance District vote and if there were any possible ramifications to our entity. Also discussed contingencies if they were to disband.
- Chris Williams brought up the idea of changing the Meeting nights to the third Tuesday night so it would not interfere with the EUFR Training nights. Was decided after discussion to move to the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm beginning with the November 2019 meeting.

Good of the Order: None

Adjourn: 1950

Next Meeting: November 19, 2019 @ 1900 hours

COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT RETURNS TO MAIN ST.

Thursday, October 31

5:00 –6:30 pm

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 & Chamber of Commerce

For questions, please contact: Athena Christian Church Mon- Thurs

8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Beth Sweet at 541.566.0114.





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 31	Trunk or Treat Returns to Main Street 5:00-6:30
Nov 3	Day Light Savings Time Ends
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day

City Hall Closures
Athena City Hall, Public Works and Library will be closed Monday, November 11th in observation of Veterans Day and also November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving.

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