

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.

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.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, CMC, City Recorder _____