

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

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Library Board
Monday, 2nd @ 5:30pm

Planning Commission
Wednesday, 11th @ 6:00pm

City Council
Thursday, 12th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery
Tuesday, 17th @ 5:00

COUNCIL POSITION VACANCY

Athena City Council is seeking a citizen to serve a two-year term on the council, to complete the term of Carol Speed. The term will begin 1/09/2020 and end 12/31/2022. Letters of interest must be submitted to City Hall by 5:00 pm December 6th. Please call 541-566-3862 or come by the office for additional information.

December Events at the Library.....

Happy Holidays! We have lots of fun things planned this December. Hope to see you!!

December 4 Teen Craft Night - Hollow book completion and paperback Christmas trees! 6:30-8 pm

December 5 Crafternoon – Tea Light Snowmen 3-4:30 pm

December 7 Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa visit! 4:00pm

December 10 Computer Science Education Week – Code a Dance Party 3-4:30 pm

December 11 Computer Science Education Week –Star Wars coding party 3-4:30 pm

December 12 Computer Science Education Week – Robots 3-4:30 pm

December 13 Computer Science Education Week – Minecraft coding 3-4:30 pm

December 16 Holiday Pajama Storytime – come for cookies, cocoa and Christmas stories, wear your jammies if you like! 7-8 pm

December 19 Crafternoon -Gingerbread House Ornaments 3-4:30 pm

The Library will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. Thanks for all your support in 2019!

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

10th Annual Athena Holiday Bazaar

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

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 winners of the Elementary Art Contest will be awarded. Kids can create and color fun holiday projects in the KIDS' CRAFT AREA! Hot breakfast and lunch are available in cafeteria all day. Enter chances to win locally donated Raffle Prizes!!

Athena Caledonian Games

will offer Bird Seed Cakes at the Athena Bazaar on Saturday, Dec 7. (Hours are 9 AM to 3 PM.) The bird seed cakes are full of yummys for the birds: one kind has bird seed, peanut butter, corn meal, nuts, flour, molasses, and the birds will love it!! The other cakes have bird seed and gelatin.

Also, the Caledonian ABC Coloring book is a great gift item.

Stop by and see us at the Bazaar!

BURN PILE CLOSED

The yard and debris pile for the city is closed until further notice. We will notify everyone when it opens again. Thank you for helping us maintain it.

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The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Athena City Council

November 14, 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 five guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. She also thanked Gene Wright for his 34 years of military service.

Business from the Public: **Dave Baty from EURF** distributed information and explained the election timeline on moving forward with the proposed consolidation of the three fire districts into one. He will attend the December meeting to provide further information and answer any questions.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Katie Zmuda reported at the Chamber social they discussed the sustainability of the chamber, duties, and what is needed to continue - namely volunteers and funds. Due to these factors, changes will be coming within the next year.

Main Street Association (MSA): April Flatt announced they received a grant from Energy Trust to replace the lights and fixtures in the Stahl Building. She reminded everyone to attend the Adopt-A-Highway event November 17th @ 8 am. at the Sugar Shack. April also announced they are partnering with the library and ALFA on the Holiday Lighting Ceremony scheduled for December 8th. Treats and decoration making will begin at 4 pm at the library. At 5 pm Athena First Citizen Delbert Durfee will light the tree and lead everyone in singing Christmas Carols. April asked the council for permission to have the tree in Duggar Park this year, which they agreed to by consensus.

April McKenna invited everyone to the 10th Annual Athena Holiday Bazaar on December 7th at the Athena Elementary School. They have 50 vendors and lots of great items to purchase!

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 10/17/19 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Actionable Items: Mayor Schroeder announced Nancy has received the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) Certification. She had Nancy explain the certification process and show her plaque. Councilors congratulated Nancy on her hard work and dedication to achieve this goal.

The City Recorder Contract was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with minor verbiage changes. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made, seconded and carried 4-0 to approve a Business License for 3R Antler, owned by Brian Pickard.

A letter of resignation was read and accepted from Councilor Carol Speed. Nancy will post a notice requesting letters of interest for the position by the December meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approved Resolution 2019-08 Sale of Surplus Property to the highest bidder. The 1981 Red Pierce Ford Fire Truck is not in working condition, and will be sold for parts. Motion was approved 4-0. EURF will handle the sale.



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A motion was made and seconded to approved Resolution 2019-09 Donation of Surplus Property to the City of Weston. The property is a 1983 street sweeper that parts are no longer available for. Weston has the same sweeper and will use the donated sweeper for parts.

Councilor Thompson inquired about the business license procedure for a small in-home business. Nancy will check the ordinances and respond to Sally's question.

Committee Reports:

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

Old Business: Work on the 3rd Street bridge is wrapping up. The fiber optic cables need to be buried and landscaping finished. The handrails for the sidewalk were delayed 4-6 weeks. They will be installed as soon as they arrive.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams was attending a workshop and submitted a written report.

Public Works: A written report was included in the packets.

Parks & Rec: Two people were out to look at the concession building at the ballpark. Wayne is waiting for them to submit reports.

Administration: Michelle is on vacation November 25th - 29th. City Hall will be closed Friday November 28th & 29th for Thanksgiving.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **December 12, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.



City Recorder receives MMC Designation

Athena City Recorder Nancy Parker recently received her Master Municipal Clerk designation. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) grants the MMC designation only to those Municipal Clerks (Recorders) who complete demanding education requirements; and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state.

Congratulations Nancy!!

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CHAMBER NEWS

Save the Date!

The 2020 Citizens and Business of the Year Banquet will be held on February 21, 2020 at the Athena Baptist Church at 6pm. Nomination forms are available at the Post Office, Library, City Hall, and you can email the Chamber to request a form:

athenachamber@gmail.com

Christmas Lighting Contest:

The Chamber would like to invite the community to light up Athena with holiday spirit this year with a Christmas Light contest.

There will be 3 residence categories:

Traditional, Religious and Chevy Chase

There is also an award for most festive Business!

If you have a nomination, contact the Chamber at athenachamber@gmail.com or contact us on Facebook at [athenachamber@gmail.com](https://www.facebook.com/athenachamber).

Winners will be announced Friday, December 20th.

City Hall Closures

Athena City Hall, Public Works and Library will be closed December 24th & 25th for Christmas.



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