

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8 am. Anyone interested can meet at the Sugar Shack. The holiday Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> street bridge were passed for all to see. The project is on schedule and should be complete by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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 25<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will be on vacation the week of October 28 - November 1<sup>st</sup>. Becky announced Nancy was awarded the President's Award of Distinction at the annual Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors (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.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Nancy Parker, CMC, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_