

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 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Athena Holiday Bazaar on December 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. City Hall will be closed Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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