

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

February 13, 2020

**Attendance:** Mayor Becky Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:02 pm in the Miller Family Community Room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, Gene Wright and Katie Zmuda 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:**

**Athena Chamber of Commerce:** April McKenna reminded everyone the Chamber Banquet is February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Athena Baptist Church @ 6 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and Sam Pambrun is the quest speaker.

**Main Street Association (MSA):** April Vorhauer-Flatt reported the Clean Sweep and Adopt a Highway dates will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is also free dump day.

**Hodaka Days:** Bob Whitman and Greg Floren thanked the council for their continued support of Hodaka Days. Greg reported their membership has grown to over 300; they will continue to offer many of the same programs this year; and requested permission to use the park June 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made, seconded and approved 5-0 to allow the park usage.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of the 1/9/20 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**Actionable Items:**

**A motion was made** and seconded to approve Resolution 2020-03 to Support Presenting a Question to the Voters Regarding Formation of a New Fire District. Motion carried 5-0.

**A motion was made**, seconded and carried 5-0 to approve a liquor license application for The Doubletree Restaurant.

**A motion was made**, seconded and carried 5-0 to approve business licenses for Cheryl's Artistic Craft by Cheryl Collar and The Doubletree Restaurant by Dwayne & Heather McDonald.

**Gina Koskela of Koskela Construction** submitted an application for a business license. Because a copy of their liability insurance was not included with the application, councilors declined to approve the request until proof of insurance is received.

**A letter was received from Athena Caledonian Games** requesting permission to use the park July 10-12, 2020 for their annual festival; to create an archway to the Rose Garden; to remove city equipment stored in the city shed; and permission to contact the power company to inspect power poles in the parking lot/vending area. Nancy visited with Public Works prior to the meeting and relayed to council the equipment could not be move and

that Public Works can inspect the power poles. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved 5-0 to allow use of the park. Council declined to approve moving city equipment from the city shed. They agreed the poles may be inspected at Caledonian expense, and delayed approval of the archway until they see a design.

**Mayor Schroeder appointed** Chuck Vickery, Gene Wright and Nancy Parker to serve on the Selection Committee for hiring of the new City Recorder and the Assistant City Recorder

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** Dennis Olson submitted permit # 2020-02 to split an existing lot in the industrial zone. The new lot would be rezoned Residential, while the existing lot would remain Industrial. The Commission approved the request, with a public hearing to be held before the next council meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> to allow public input, as required by law. Reports on existing permits we given by each commissioner.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Spectrum Business submitted a request to attend the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to present a proposal to bring service to Athena.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Librarian Kristin Williams reported on the success of the coding club, and passed around samples of items the kids had made with the 3D Printer. She also submitted a statistical report showing prior year vs. current year library usage. The library is taking applications for a teen helper this summer, and the mural design for the front of the library should be ready by the March meeting. The District meeting for the library was rescheduled to March 2<sup>nd</sup> due to flooding in the county. Kristin also mentioned the security cameras had not been installed at the library and has made numerous requests for an installation date.

**Parks & Rec:** Triangle Little League will supply Porta Potties at the ballpark this year.

**Administration:** City Hall will be closed February 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of President's Day. Michelle will be attending the CIS Conference in Portland Feb 25-28<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 12, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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

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