



ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2020

CITY COUNCIL

Rebecca Schroeder,

Mayor

Wayne Kostur,

Comm of Police

Gene Wright,

Comm of Fire Services

Katie Zmuda,

Comm of Library

Sally Thompson

Comm of Administration

Pat Gibson,

Comm of Public Works

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday

8am – 5pm

Closed all legal holidays

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862

City Shop 566-0228

Library 566-2470

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency

Dispatch 541-966-3651

February MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, 2nd @ 5:30pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 11th @ 6:00pm

City Council

Thursday, 12th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery

Tuesday, 17th @ 5:00



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February Events at the Library.....

There's always a lot happening at the library! Check it out!

March 4:

Code Club 3:30 – 4:30

Teen Night 6:30 – 8:00

Movie "KNIVES OUT"

March 5: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:30 This month we are making Leprechaun puppets, Rainbow Watercolor paintings and Handprint Flowers

March 10: Adult Book Club 6:30 – 8:00 *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry. There are still copies available at the library if you want to join!

March 11: Code Club 3:30 – 4:30

March 12: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:30

March 18:

Code Club 3:30 – 4:30

Teen Night 6:30 – 8:00

(Creating Terrariums)

March 19: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:30

March 25: Code Club 3:30 – 4:30

March 26: Crafternoon 3:00 – 4:30

Preschool Storytime is every Friday morning at 10:30. We sing songs, read stories, make crafts and play with our friends all while learning early literacy skills. Preschool Storytime is designed for birth through 5 years old but older kids who are still at home are welcome to participate with us!

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We will have some fun activities during Spring Break week so follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the happenings at the library. Would you like text reminders of upcoming events at the library? Text "@athenapub" to 81010.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The City would like to thank our citizens for their patience and understanding during our recent water issues. We realize this has been an inconvenience for everyone. Kudos to the City Staff for their extra time and efforts to correct the problem and keep everyone informed!



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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 28th 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 2nd, 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 25th -28th. 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 the 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.



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Minutes Continued...

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 12th 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 12th 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 2nd 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 17th in honor of President's Day. Michelle will be attending the CIS Conference in Portland Feb 25-28th.

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.

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY AMBULANCE AREA HEALTH DISTRICT Medic 400

In accordance with ORS 198.835, on March 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse, 216 SE 4th Street, Pendleton, Oregon, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners will conduct a final public hearing on the proposed formation of the East Umatilla County Fire & Rescue District. The Board of Commissioners may enter an order calling for an election on the formation of the district and the setting of a permanent tax rate. The purpose of the district will be to provide fire services to the Athena, Adams, Helix and Weston areas. The boundaries of the proposed district will be the boundaries of the Helix Rural Fire Protection District, East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District and the city limits of the City of Athena. All interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard on the formation of the district.



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CHAMBER NEWS: Athena Chamber of Commerce would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to our table sponsors for the 2020 Citizens and Business of the Year Banquet.

We appreciate you and your support!

License Reminder

All City Licenses, Business, Dog, and Livestock are due!! State law requires we have proof of rabies shots.

Business - \$55.00

Livestock - \$35.00

Dog - \$15.00

Athena Main Street Association

Senator Bill and Margaret Hansell

Bank of Eastern Oregon

Athena Library Friends Association

Wheatland Insurance

Twin Flags dist. LLC/ Rio Bravo Cattle Co.

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