

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2020

Attendance: Mayor Becky Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:05 pm in the Miller Family Community Room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, Katie Zmuda, and Gene Wright present. Assistant Recorder Michelle Fox and three guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Flatt reported for the Athena Mainstreet Association. During the month of June, Tuesday Market, is being conducted through Facebook Marketplace. The traditional market will be returning during July & August. An Adopt-A-Highway has been approved by ODOT. The date is TBA. Depending on the Covid-19 regulations, they are planning the Athena Community Night Out for July 31. April also, congratulated Trinity Yunk and Calvin Papineau as the Athena Youth Citizens of the Year.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 5/14/20 meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to remove Nancy Parker from the City of Athena bank accounts and add Karrah King to the accounts after July 1, 2020.

After review, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Code Enforcement Contract with Umatilla County for another year. Motion was approved 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2020-04 Adopting the Budget for 2020-2021, Imposing the Tax, and Categorizing the Tax. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2020-05 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenue. Motion was approved 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission approved Permit #2020-04A for Jerry Baker to add an additional 2' to his existing plans for his shop, Permit #2020-05 for Zane and Francis Carson for a lot line adjustment, and Permit #2020-06 for Michelle Ward to build a new house at 233 E Jefferson.

Old Business: None

New Business: Michelle explained that LOC would like each city in Oregon to select four Legislative objectives that they would like to see put on the Legislative Agenda for 2021.

Councilors will choose their top four and bring them back to the July meeting. The council will then agree on the top four for our City and those will be submitted to LOC.

Katie Zmuda presented photos of the park showing graffiti and other vandalism that has been done at the park. She asked if the public works department could work on getting those things cleaned up and repaired. Michelle will order signs stating the park closes at dark. It was also mentioned that since the parks are open again, if the public works department could start installing the other part of the playground structure that was purchased.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams submitted a statistical report. She reported that since the County had moved to Phase 2, she would like to slowly start reopening the library. All computers will be available for public use once again. She is working on the summer reading program. Summer Reading will not be in person this year, but Kristin will have bags for children to pick up and she will also provide two virtual programs. Capacity for the library at this time is 27 patrons.

Parks & Rec: The pool is scheduled to open June 15. The 2nd Steet water main project has been completed. Public Works is looking for a used excavator to purchase.

Fire: None

Administration: Karrah has started as Assistant City Recorder and doing a great job. Sally Thompson and Katie Zmuda presented the council with their recommendation and pricing for two signs for the Parker Pool Complex. One sign will be on the bathhouse and another will be on the front park entrance gate. The council agreed for them to proceed with purchasing the signs.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. The next regular council meeting will be **July 16, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, Assistant City Recorder _____