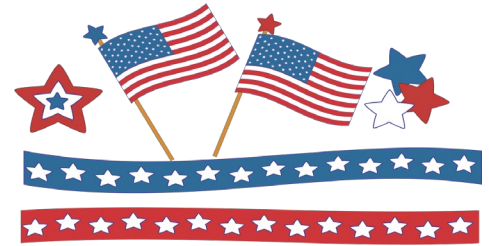


# ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER

JULY / 2020



## CITY COUNCIL

Rebecca Schroeder,  
Mayor

Wayne Kostur,  
Commissioner of Police

Gene Wright,  
Commissioner of Fire  
Services

Katie Zmuda,  
Commissioner of Library

Sally Thompson,  
Commissioner of  
Administration

Pat Gibson,  
Commissioner of Public  
Works

## CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:00am-5:00pm  
(closed all federal holidays)

## CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall: 541 566-3862  
City Shop: 541 566-0228  
Library: 541 566-2470  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency Dispatch:  
541 966-3651

## JULY MEETINGS

### Library Board

Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 @ Library

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ City  
Hall

### City Council

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ City Hall

### Cemetery Board

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00pm @ City Hall



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

to  
Trinity Yunk  
&  
Calvin Papineau  
2020 Athena Youth Citizens of the Year!



Athena  
Mainstreet  
ASSOCIATION

**It is the privilege of Athena Mainstreet Association to award these two recipients with the Athena Youth Citizen of the Year award and a \$50.00 Visa gift card for their dedication to volunteerism and community service.**



## CITY POOL INFORMATION

### **Open Swim Schedule:**

Monday-Saturday  
1:00pm-5:00pm  
CLOSED Sunday

\$2.00 admissions (2 years and younger free)

### **Water Aerobics:**

Monday-Thursday  
6:00pm-7:00pm  
\$2.00 admission

Season passes available,  
\$100.00

### **Swimming Lessons:**

Session 1: Monday July  
6<sup>th</sup>-Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Session 2: Monday, July  
27<sup>th</sup>-Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
\$25.00/session per child

For information about  
renting the pool please  
call City Hall.

### CITY HALL CLOSURES

City Hall, Public Works,  
and the Athena Library  
will be closed Friday, July  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 for the  
Independence Holiday


## NEW RULES/GUIDELINES FOR THE POOL

The pool house will be closed. Outside restrooms and showers will be available. Please come dressed to swim, or prepared to change in the outside restroom. 50 people allowed in the pool at a time and no pool toys. If you are sick please stay home and please practice safe social distancing.



**ATHENA GEM SPARKLES!** The Gem Theatre was lit the evening of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the first time in more than half a century! Thank you, Rob McIntyre, for your dedicated work in restoring the jewel of our community.

Just a reminder... Please, be a courteous pet owner:



**570.15: PUBLIC NUISANCE:**

**A.** No person owning or having control of any dog shall permit such dog to do any of the following:

1. Defecate on private properties in the neighborhood or community (other than that of the owner or the person having control of the animal);
2. Defecate on public property without immediately cleaning or removing the excrement to a proper receptacle;
3. Permit an animal to obstruct the reasonable and comfortable use of property in any neighborhood or community by chasing vehicles, molesting passersby, barking, howling, baying, or making any other noise;
4. Permit unsanitary conditions to exist on the premises where said animal is kept which would cause odors, attract flies, or vermin or otherwise be injurious to public health and safety, or indecent, or offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by the neighborhood, community, or persons.

**B.** Law enforcement officers may seize and impound any animal causing a public nuisance.

**C.** A violation of this section is hereby declared a public nuisance.

**ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Great News! The library received a grant from The Pilcrow Foundation for children’s books! This grant was matched by ALFA and we now have 93 new books in processing. We focused our ordering on middle grade books but there are new books for kids of all ages. These are high quality, engaging books that are perfect for your summer reading needs. Stop by the library to see the new titles and we’re working on getting them ready for checkout as soon as possible.

Summer Reading is now underway. This year’s program is a little different because we aren’t having in person activities. Kids can pick up a summer reading activity bag once a week through August 10. Please call or stop by the library to sign up. Additionally, you can track your reading on our new app. It’s called ReaderZone and the invitation code is f606a.

As always, follow us on Facebook @athenapubliclibrary for up to the minute information about what’s happening at your library!



**CITY OF ATHENA VACANCIES**

The City of Athena will have three vacant positions, Mayor and 2 city council positions, starting January 1, 2021. These positions are four-year terms. If you are interested in running, pick up your election packet at City Hall. The application must be turned in to the County Elections Office by August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

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## DOWNTOWN SUMMER EVENTS



Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and restrictions from the State of Oregon many of our annual events have been cancelled. Cancellation of our events and other local events is very disappointing, they bring our community together and serve as our main fundraisers. These cancellations will have many impacts, but we feel it is important to abide to guidelines and keep everyone safe. Our hope is that it will be business as usual next year.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** Since Clean Sweep and Free Dump Weekend were cancelled, there will be an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up of Main Street. Date to be determined later this summer

**Athena Tuesday Market:** There will be no live markets this year due to lack of volunteers to maintain the social distance requirements and a lack of vendor interest. The Facebook Group **Athena Tuesday Marketplace** will remain open for virtual sales. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/899160173922862>

**Community Night Out:** Rescheduled for 2021

## THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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(100,000 Welcomes)

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