

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER / 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



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, September 14th at 5:30pm @
Library

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm @
City Hall

City Council

Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm @
City Hall

Cemetery

Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00pm @
City Hall

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall, Public Works
and the Library will all
be closed Monday,
September 7th in
observance of Labor
Day.

East Umatilla Fire and Rescue & Medic 400 would like to thank their communities for their support, and the ability to serve them.

We would like to remember the sacrifices of all who perished on September 11, 2001 and offer this opportunity to our community members. It is important to remember the life altering events and sacrifices, throughout America's history, that have allowed us to have the freedom to live in our great country. We would like to invite our communities to help us pay tribute to the men and women who were lost on that fateful morning in September.

On Friday, September 11, 2020, EUFR will be driving a convoy of department vehicles through the district towns in honor of the fallen. The convoy will start in Helix at 7pm and will proceed through Adams, Weston, and finally Athena. At the end of the route, a drive-thru viewing of a four-minute remembrance video will be hosted in the Athena Auto Parts parking lot, next to the ambulance station at 431 E. Main Street. Please be respectful of the current COVID-19 requirements (social distancing, stay in household groups, wear masks when appropriate/necessary/desired). We look forward to remembering and honoring the past together with you.

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is now open regular hours! We still need to limit the number of people in the building at one time but you're welcome to come browse for and checkout books! Don't forget your mask.

Every Tuesday in September we're having Storytime in the city park! Meet at 10:30 for stories, songs, games and fun!

Are you participating in the city wide scavenger hunts? Every month there is a new hunt with a chance to win great prizes, sponsored by the city of Athena, the Athena Mainstreet Association and the Athena Library board. Stop by the library or any mainstreet business to pick up your form!



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

August 13, 2020

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, Sally Thompson, Katie Zmuda, and Gene Wright present. Wayne Kostur was absent from meeting. City Recorder Michelle Fox and two guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Mckenna reported for the Athena Mainstreet Association. Due to Covid-19, the Adopt-A Highway was cancelled. They have started a Community Wide Scavenger Hunt, which will be held monthly until the

end of the year with different themes each month. This is a fun, educational way for community members to learn about our city. The Library Board has donated \$300.00 for prizes. A motion was made and seconded for the City of Athena to donate \$300.00 for prizes also. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 7/16/20 meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: The council decided to table the addition of the business license for Humbert Tires until all code violations have been remedied.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2020-06, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Capital Projects Fund Contingency to Cover the Excavator Purchase. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Revised Resolution #2020-04, Resolution Making Appropriations. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission approved Permit #2020-08 for Lloyd Shank to place a new manufactured home at 540 N Hunt St.

Old Business: A Lease Agreement, an IGA, and a statement from Dave Baty asking for a simplified version of an agreement, were all reviewed by council. After discussion, the council wanted to get

more information from our attorney and see what a simplified agreement would look like before any action was taken.

New Business: Michelle explained to the council that Umatilla County received a grant from DLCD to renew their Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan allows cities in Umatilla County to receive FEMA funds in case of a natural disaster. This plan will cover all cities in Umatilla county who agree to help put the plan together. An Intergovernmental Agreement between DLCD and the City of Athena was reviewed by council. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Department gave their report and talked about the new format they are using for reporting. All councilors agreed the format was an improvement.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams submitted her Library usage report. The library is closed once again due to Covid-19 but Kristin has resumed curbside service.

Parks & Rec: The pool has unfortunately been closed due to Covid-19. The public works department is still maintaining the water due to warm temperatures.

Public Works: The public works department will be ordering a new excavator.

Fire: None

Police: None

Administration: Economic Development Grant Applications have been mailed to all businesses in town.

The Code Enforcement Officer we had for the city is no longer employed with Umatilla County Code Enforcement Office. Due to Covid-19, the County will not be hiring a new officer for a few months. Any emergency code violations the city has will still be handled by their office.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. The next regular council meeting will be **September 10, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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“Ceud Mile Failt”

(100,000 Welcomes)



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