

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 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, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, Katie Zmuda, and Gene Wright present. 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. An Adopt-A-Highway has been approved by ODOT and will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Participants will meet at Sugar Shack at 8:00 am. The AMA would like to thank the Bjorklund's for a donation to the Stahl building in the amount of \$1,050.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Budget Hearing minutes. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 6/11/20 meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

**Actionable Items:** Mayor Schroeder explained to Council that a Premises Lease Agreement, Intergovernmental Agreement, and a Resolution are being drafted by the League of Oregon Cities attorney between the City of Athena and the new Fire District. This agreement is for the purpose of transferring possession of all fire equipment to the new fire district with the exception of the property the fire station resides on, the Fire Station, and the Fire Trucks. These items will be leased by the Fire District for \$0.00 dollars with all liability being shifted to the Fire District. Once documents are drafted, both entities will review and make any changes necessary before final documents are drafted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission approved Permit #2020-07 for Mike Robinson to build a new house and shop at 419 N Hunt St.

**Old Business:** The Council selected four objectives they would like to see put on the Legislative Agenda for 2021.

**New Business:** Mayor Schroeder read a Proclamation stating the City of Athena stands to defend the police departments, not to defund the police departments.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Librarian Kristin Williams submitted her Library usage report. Stated that Library use is increasing once again. The county libraries are discussing how story time can be restarted this fall. All libraries are working on how to continue to meet the needs of their communities during this new climate. The library received a grant for the children's books from the Pilcrow Foundation. With this grant, 93 titles were purchased.

**Parks & Rec:** The pool is doing great.

**Public Works:** They are receiving bids for a new excavator. Michelle received a quote for the new slides. She will order them next week.

**Fire:** None

**Police:** Wayne is reviewing the contract between the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department and the City of Athena. The present contract will expire June 30, 2021.

**Administration:** Auditors will be here the week of July 20-24.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. The next regular council meeting will be **August 13, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_