

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.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____