

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

October 8, 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, Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, and Gene Wright present. Sally Thompson was excused. City 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 Vorhauer-Flatt reported for the Athena Mainstreet Association. AMA and the Christian Church are once again partnering to bring Trunk-or-Treat to Main Street on October 31 from 5:00-7:00. AMA will be hosting the Adopt-a Highway clean up on Sunday, November 15. Volunteers will meet at the Sugar Shack at 8:30am.

Consent Agenda: A few typographical errors were found in the 9/10/20 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 9/10/20 meeting with said corrections, the financial statements and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve a park reservation, which included alcohol being served, for a wedding on May 21-22 with the stipulation that all state requirements for Covid-19 are met by attendees. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a business license for James Reeder (Outlying Perspective). Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: No business from the Planning Commission.

Old Business: Michelle explained that Kim King had replaced two lights on Main Street with different bulbs to see if people thought the lights were brighter. A few councilors had noticed the new lights and thought they were much brighter and think they will make Main Street safer. The council agreed they would like Kim to continue changing out the bulbs on the remainder of the lights on Main Street.

Councilor Zmuda reported that Brian Freels is still working on signs for the park.

New Business: Mayor Schroeder read a "Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Helen Callaway".

The council would like Michelle to add a clause on the park reservation form which would eliminate the City from any liability.

Councilor Kostur asked if it would be possible to condense the financial report. He stated the current reports are too lengthy and detailed. He would like to see a shorter, easier to read, condensed version. Michelle will put together a sample financial spreadsheet for the council to review next month.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams distributed her monthly library report. She also informed the council that she had started her crafternoon program once again. Kristin invited everyone to get their tickets for a virtual program, "Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda" which will be held on October 29th at 6:30 pm.

Parks & Rec: The public works department installed the new slides on the playground equipment.

Public Works: CTUIR and Rod Anderson Construction repaired the damage of the creek bed that occurred during the flooding by the new bridge on Third Street.

Fire: None

Police: Mayor Schroeder asked Councilor Kostur if he would ask the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office if there is a phone number or contact person that local residents can call for information. Councilor Kostur will report back with an answer next month.

Administration: All Covid-19 Relief Grants have been distributed to local businesses and the City has been reimbursed the \$12,000 from the state.

Michelle will be out of the office on vacation the last week of October.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm. The next regular council meeting will be **November 12, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____