

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 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, Sally Thompson, and Gene Wright present. 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 McKenna reported for the Athena Mainstreet Association. April dispersed new scavenger hunt flyers. She reported that that due to Covid-19 the Holiday Bazaar has been cancelled this year. AMA will be hosting the first Annual Winter Light Parade on December 6, 2020 at 5:00pm. They will once again hold their Christmas House Lighting Contest. Winners will be chosen on December 20, 2020. There was discussion about the City putting cameras on Main Street due to some recent vandalism. Due to high costs for a project like this, the City will contact EOT and Wtechlink to ask for assistance.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 10/08/20 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0

Actionable Items: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: No business from the Planning Commission.

Old Business: Michelle reported that the City received a \$100,000 Small City Allotment Grant. This grant will be used to chip seal and overlay 4th and 5th streets from Main to Sherman this spring.

A revised Park Reservation Form was reviewed and agreed upon. This new form includes a Hold Harmless Agreement which protects the City from any possible liability.

A new financial report was reviewed and discussed. Some council members like the new condensed version and others like the more detailed report. The new condensed report will be used for the time being.

New Business: Michelle informed the council that the "Elected Essentials Workshop" presented by LOC will be December 15. All councilors, new and old, are advised to sign up for this workshop.

Councilor Thompson requested looking into grants to put a walking path somewhere in the city for our citizens. Location ideas discussed were the Athena City Park or the Softball field area. Michelle will look into grant options.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Librarian Kristin Williams distributed her monthly library report. She also informed the council that she once again had to cancel her crafternoon program due Governor Brown's latest lockdowns.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: None

Fire: None

Sheriff: An Umatilla County Deputy/Sheriff informed the council that if any residents have general questions for the sheriff's office that do not require a deputy/sheriff, they can call 541-969-3600 Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00.

Administration: All City offices will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **December 10, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____