

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER / 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



DECEMBER MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, December 14th at 6:00pm @
Library

Planning Commission

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

City Council

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

Cemetery

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall, Public Works
and the Library will all
be closed December 24th
and 25th for Christmas.



BURN PILE CLOSED

We will notify everyone
when it opens again.
Thank you!



Annual Holiday Lighting Contest

Light Up Athena!



Judging will be done on December 20th, 6pm-8pm
Prizes will be awarded for:

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- Best Business Display

No registration necessary, all Athena residents are
eligible



To guarantee your house is not missed, or to nominate someone,
email your name and address to Athenamainstreet@gmail.com
or message us on Facebook.

ANNUAL ATHENA HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS CANCELLED

THIS YEAR
DUE TO
COVID-19
PANDEMIC.

LOOKING
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU
ALL NEXT
YEAR!



ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's hard to say with much certainty what December at the library will look like. As of this writing, the library is closed to the public with curbside service available. Someone is at the library during regular open hours and can check out items to you. To request items for checkout, please call, email or Facebook message the library and we will work with you to get those items to you. Please keep an eye on the library website and Facebook page to keep up to date on our open status. We're so grateful for your support and encouragement during this strange year. We wish you all health and happiness this Holiday season and a Happy 2021.



ATHENA COMMUNITY WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT

Anyone can enter to win prizes from local businesses valued at over \$120!

Complete the scavenger hunt by getting to know Athena and its businesses. The answers to the clues can be found simply by paying attention to details when walking or driving in the great community of Athena.

Scavenger hunts can be found each month at local businesses, city hall, the library and on the Athena Mainstreet Connection Facebook page. A new scavenger hunt will be available monthly through 2020 and due the 1st of each month. Entries can be returned to the library drop box, mailed to AMA P.O. Box 333, submitted through Facebook or emailed to athenamainstreet@gmail.com.

Winners will be drawn at random from completed and correct entries live at 6pm during the Athena Mainstreet Association's monthly meetings.

This community program is brought to you by Athena Mainstreet Association, Athena Library Board, and the City of Athena.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!



Have you lost income due to COVID-19? Help is available at Community Action Program East Central Oregon

CONTACT US: www.capeco-works.org

Pendleton Office: (541)276-1926

WAYS WE CAN HELP

UTILITY SUPPORT: Assistance paying electric, fuel, utility bills and emergency heating/cooling repairs

HOUSING: Helping people retain or obtain housing (rent)



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING on December 10, 2020 will be virtual via Zoom. For participation information please contact City Hall by 3:00pm on the 10th.

541 566-3862

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

Police: An Umatilla County Police Officer informed the council that if any residents have general questions for the police department that do not require a police officer, 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.



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"Ceud Mile Failt"
(100,000 Welcomes)



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