

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2021

Attendance: Mayor Becky Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, Jesse Bonifer and Gene Wright present. City Recorder Michelle Fox and four guests were also in attendance via zoom. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Kylie McClintock - Audit Presentation: Kylie McClintock from Cockburn & McClintock, LLC presented the 2019-2020 city audit. She commended the city on another clean audit.

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Vorhauer Flatt reported for the Athena Mainstreet Association. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 there will be no in-person Citizen of the Year banquet but they will still be announcing Business and Citizen of the Year on March 15. Instead of monthly, the scavenger hunts will be saved for fun activity weekends such as Caledonian and Hodaka Days. The AMA's goal for 2022 is to hire an executive director.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 1/14/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve a business license application for **Spring Hollow Transfers**. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Permit #2021-01 was approved for Richard and Kris Garrett for a new garage.

Old Business: Mayor Schroeder announced that a council goal/planning session is scheduled for March 11 at 5:30pm to go over city and city department priorities and goals, for next year. She asked each councilor to meet with their respective departments and bring a list to the meeting. She reminded them that the departments put their own budgets together and items on the list need to fit within the budget and time restraints of the staff.

New Business: - **Livestock Permit** - A motion was made and seconded to approve a livestock permit for Brian Nye for 6 rabbits. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made and

seconded to approve a livestock permit for Brian Nye for 6 chickens. Motion passed 4-1. Sally Thompson voted no.

Humbert Refuse Franchise Agreement-The franchise agreement between the City of Athena and Humbert Refuse was reviewed and discussed. The council would like to see a few changes made. Michelle will call Humbert Refuse and ask for changes to be made and she will bring a revised draft back to the next meeting.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: The library is open to the public once again. Kristin will be doing the summer reading program in the park this summer. She will try to do one activity per week.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: They are waiting for Corey Thacker to remove remainder of cement at the softball field.

Fire: Councilor Bonifer has a meeting set up with Fire Chief, Dave Baty.

Sheriff: The Umatilla County Sheriff's office monthly report was included in packet.

Administration: Michelle informed the council that union negotiations for a new three-year contract would be starting soon. She asked for a councilor to volunteer to bargain for the City along with Mayor Schroeder. Council Wright volunteered to be on the bargaining team. Kristin Williams and Kenneth Faircloth will negotiate for the city employees.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____