

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

March 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 seven 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. Congratulations to Alan and Chrissy Froese on Citizen of the Year honors. Congratulations to One Stop for Business of the Year. Saturday, May 1st has been set for the community clean sweep day. Hopefully, the AMA will be partnering with Nutrien and Humbert Refuse again this year. April asked if the City of Athena would consider donating \$200.00 for lunches for the volunteers again this year. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$200.00 for lunches for clean sweep volunteers. Motion carried 5-0. The community yard sale date is set for May 22. April asked the council about the possibility of new garbage cans on Main Street. Garbage containers that weren't so hard to empty and could be picked up by the garbage trucks. Humbert Refuse will send Michelle some examples of garbage containers that would work for Main Street.

Tim and Deanna Snider - Flooding: Tim and Deanna Snider submitted a letter and several photos of their property showing standing water problems they are currently having. They asked the council if there was anything that the City could do regarding the lack of drainage on Second Street. Councilor Wright explained to them that the Public Works Department, Corey Thacker, owner of Thacker Excavating, and himself had been down to look at the property and their opinions were that since the property is set below grade and in the floodplain, that this situation, as unfortunate as it, the City is not responsible for this particular problem.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 2/11/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items:

Deferred Compensation Program: Michelle explained the Oregon Savings Growth Plan option for employees. A motion was made and seconded to approve "Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of Oregon Deferred Compensation Plan". Motion carried 5-0.

Business License Application: A motion was made and seconded to approve a business license for Calvert Consulting. Motion carried 5-0.

Umatilla County Law Enforcement Contract Renewal: Councilor Kostur informed the council that he and Michelle had met with Sheriff Rowan to discuss the contract renewal between the City of Athena and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department. Councilor Kostur explained that there were only a few minor changes to the contract. A verbiage addition to section 6, the new contract will be for 5 years rather than 3, and the new cost of services for the next five years. This contract will run from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the new contract between the City of Athena and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department. Motion passed 4-1. Jesse Bonifer voted no.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Meeting was cancelled. Nothing to report.

Old Business: Humbert Refuse Franchise Agreement: A new draft of the franchise agreement was reviewed. Councilor Wright pointed out a few grammar mistakes that needed to be corrected. After a brief discussion with Cindy Humbert and Katy King from Humbert Refuse, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Athena and Humbert Refuse with the grammar corrections. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: - Budget Calendar - A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar. Motion carried 5-0

Appoint Budget Officer - Mayor Schroeder appointed Michelle Fox as the Budget Officer for the 2021-2022 Budget year.

Re-Appoint Budget Members - Mayor Schroeder re-appointed Lori Kennedy and Steven Klein to the Budget Committee for another term.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: The library is having an in-person presentation from the Oregon Museum of Natural & Cultural History: Dino Story - April 22-May 2. Kristin is busy planning the summer reading program. Kristin has submitted two grants she is waiting to hear about. One is for seating for the library and the other is a book bike. Kristin will be presenting at the Oregon Library Association - "Perspective for Rural Libraries"

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: They are still working on ballpark restrooms/snack shed. They are doing a great job.

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 will be on vacation the last week in April.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **April 8, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____