

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

**April 8, 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. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:**

**Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA):** April Vorhauer Flatt with the Athena Mainstreet Association was unable to attend the meeting. Recorder, Michelle Fox read a prepared statement from April. The AMA will be collecting donations for a Yard Sale Fundraiser on May 15 from 9-11 at the Stahl Building. Clean Sweep is Saturday, May 1 starting at 9:00 am. The City-Wide Yard sale is May 22-23. The Events Steering committee for the AMA is forming and anyone interested in joining should contact them at [athenamainstreet@gmail.com](mailto:athenamainstreet@gmail.com). Meetings will be held the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

**Dave Baty- East Umatilla Fire & Rescue:** Dave Baty addressed the Council and demonstrated an air-purifier, decontamination unit recently purchased by the Fire District. The district recently purchased 7 purifiers. Due to the Fire District not being eligible for any covid relief funds, they are asking each of the four entities within the district for any size donation which might help with the much-needed purchases due to covid. Jesse Bonifer, Council liaison for the fire district will contact the other entities to see what amount of donation they are giving to the fire district.

**Gina Miller - Umatilla County Code Enforcement:** Gina Miller told the council that her department is back in the field after being furloughed for several months due to covid. She will once again be patrolling here in Athena once a week. Michelle has a list of properties for her to contact.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 3/11/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

**Actionable Items:**

**AMA Donation Request:** The Athena Mainstreet Association is asking for \$100.00 donations to go toward Funding the Citizen and Business of the Year Banquet, and community events. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the Athena Main Street Association. Motion passed 4-0 with Katie Zmuda recusing herself from the vote.

**Ordinance 9-5.3.40 Verbiage Revision:** Several citizens have asked to be able to hook up to EOT's telephone service and have not been able to do so due to the verbiage in this City of Athena ordinance. The council would like Michelle to look into new verbiage that would protect the City and still be able to accommodate the citizen's wishes of hooking up to EOT telephone service. Michelle will bring back to May meeting.

**Caledonian Games Park Reservation Request:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of the Athena City Park for the Athena Caledonian Games on July 9-10 as long as the State mandated rules for Covid are followed. Motion carried 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** Meeting was cancelled. Nothing to report.

**Old Business: Garbage Receptacles for Main Street:** Two quotes were reviewed for the purchase of eight garbage receptacles for Main Street. Councilor Thompson informed the Council that she had submitted a grant for a walking path that had included garbage receptacles and that there were enough garbage receptacles written into grant to be able to place eight on Main Street. She will receive notice on the grant by the end of April. If the grant is denied, the council will revisit this item at the May meeting.

**New Business: - None**

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Kristin reported to the council that the library traffic is moving in the right direction with more people starting to visit. She explained that the State Library is using the cares money to provide rural cities with job seeking resources. Kristin was asked if she had the portable library installed yet and she said it would be up soon.

**Parks & Rec:** None

**Public Works:** They are busy as usual. They will concentrate on getting the playground equipment installed soon.

**Fire:** Councilor Bonifer submitted a Fire District report to the councilors.

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

**Administration:** Michelle is busy preparing budget, the 2021 lifeguards have been interviewed and hired.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **May 13, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_