

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 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 updated the Council on their events. The Stahl building restoration is coming along. The HVAC and electrical are complete. They will be holding a yard sale on May 22 in the Stahl building. They are gearing up for Tuesday Market which starts in June. A motion was made and seconded to pay for a porta-potty for Tuesday Market. Motion carried 5-0. AMA will be hosting Community Night Out on July 30 from 6:00-9:00 on Main Street.

Mike Humbert asked if he could add "contracting of pallets" to his current business license. He was told by Mayor Schroeder that the council could not approve that at this time as he has current code violations at his place of business. Mike told the council that he will continue the pallet business whether the council approves it or not as he has bills to pay.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 4/08/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items:

The 2021-2024 employee contract was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021-2024 Union Employee Contract. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2021-04 Authorizing Transfer from Swimming Pool Personnel Services to Swimming Pool Material and Services. Motion carried 5-0.

A new business license for David and Carrie Bremer for the "Lincoln House", which will be a short-term vacation rental house, was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the business license for the Lincoln House. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Permit #2021-02 for Athena-Weston School District for a pole structure was approved. A citizen inquired about adding a RV Park in town. Council will look into ordinances to see what is needed for this process.

Old Business: **Garbage Receptacles for Main Street:** AMA will research how many garbage receptacles are needed on Main Street and bring information to the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$2500.00 to the Fire Department for air purifiers. Motion carried 5-0

New Business: A Rehire Contract was reviewed to see if the council would like to offer this to an employee after retirement. Michelle will research this further to see how other cities do this and get back to the council at the next meeting.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Kristin would like to apply for a Story Walk Board Grant. She asked the council if this would be something they would let her install in the park. Council agreed to have Kristin move forward with grant process. Kristin should have her Book Bike up and going by June 1. ALFA has new totes for sale. See an ALFA member if you are interested in purchasing a bag.

Parks & Rec: Will start working on getting swimming pool ready. The City is contracting with the YMCA this year for CPO, Lifeguards, and Swimming Lessons.

Public Works: They are busy as usual. They are in the process of hiring a new seasonal worker as Mike Dowd is not coming back this year.

Fire: Nothing new to report.

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

Administration: Michelle is busy with budget.

Before adjourning meeting, the council got to celebrate Gene Wright for his anniversary from the military. Gene served in the Army and Air Force for 34 years. He served under 9 different presidents. We salute you Gene, thank you for your life time of service!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 10, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____