

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2021

**Attendance:** Mayor Becky Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:05 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, and Gene Wright present. Councilor Bonifer was excused. City Recorder Michelle Fox and two 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. They are excited about how the Stahl building restorations are coming along. Tuesday Market has begun and will run through July. April asked permission to close Main Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and also 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to the alley for Community Night Out on July 30, 2021 from 6:00-9:00pm. A motion was made and seconded to grant AMA permission to close those sections of the streets for Community Night Out. Motion carried - 4-0. April announced Brooke Dornberger and Victoria Vandenbos had been chosen as the Youth Citizens of the year. Congratulations girls!

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 5/13/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2021-05, Declaring City's Election to Receive State Revenues. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2021-06, Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, Imposing & Categorizing the Tax. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2021-07, Representation in the Umatilla County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion Carried 4-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** Permit #2021-03 for Rena Olson for a variance to allow occupants to sleep in a camper that is parked beside her house on the city easement was denied.

Lot #1500 owned by Larry Beamer was discussed concerning rezoning the property from Commercial Industrial to Residential. The Planning Commission asked for input from the City Council on this topic. The city councilors discussed and several members will attend

the next planning commission meeting for further discussion before any decisions are made.

**Old Business:** **Garbage Receptacles for Main Street:** It was decided that 10 new garbage receptacles are needed for Main Street. These will replace the existing garbage containers on Main Street.

**New Business:** A motion was made and seconded to grant permission for the Caledonian Games Parade on Main Street on July 10, 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Kristin's new Book Bike was on display for the councilors. Kristin will be hosting a "Community Conversation" on July 30, during the Athena Night Out. The topic of discussion will be how as a city can we continue our traditions while welcoming new people, and ideas.

**Parks & Rec:** Swimming Pool is up and running.

**Public Works:** They are busy as usual. They will be working on the snack shed at the softball field and putting up the new playground equipment in the park.

**Fire:** No Report

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

**Administration:** Brian Freels is finishing up the signs for the pool.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **July 8, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

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

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