

# ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER / 2021

## CITY COUNCIL

Rebecca Schroeder,  
Mayor

Wayne Kostur,  
Commissioner of Police

Gene Wright,  
Commissioner of Public  
Works

Katie Zmuda,  
Commissioner of Library

Sally Thompson,  
Commissioner of  
Administration

Jesse Bonifer,  
Commissioner of Fire  
Services

## CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:00am-5:00pm  
(closed all federal holidays)

## CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall: 541 566-3862  
City Shop: 541 566-0228  
Library: 541 566-2470  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 541  
966-3651



## OCTOBER MEETINGS

### Library Board

Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @  
Library

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @  
City Hall

### City Council

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ City  
Hall

### Cemetery

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm @ City  
Hall

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall, Public  
Works and the  
Library will all be  
closed Monday,  
October 11<sup>th</sup> in  
observance of  
Columbus Day.

## Athena Public Library

In person events are back at the library!

Storytime is Tuesday morning at 10:30. Storytime is designed for kids under 5 – we read books, sing songs, play games and have fun while learning early literacy skills.

Crafternoon is Thursday afternoon starting at 3:00. Drop by on your way home from school and do a fun craft with us. Don't forget, masks are required!

Teen Night is a fun monthly gathering for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. October's Teen Night is 10/27 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Adult Book Club is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30. Don't forget to join us 10/25 – check our Facebook page for the book selection!



UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
REPORT FOR THE CITY OF  
ATHENA

Total Calls for  
Service/Incidents (August):

**81**



**THE MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE  
ATHENA CITY  
COUNCIL**

**September 9, 2021**

**Attendance:** Council

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

**Business from the Public:**

**Code Enforcement** – Gina Miller with the Umatilla County Code Enforcement gave an update on the Athena Spit and Shine Property. Mr. Humbert has a court date in November. She also informed the council that since April to present date, 24 warning and citations have been issued in the City.

**Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA):** April Vorhauer Flatt with the Athena Mainstreet Association was unable to attend the meeting. Councilor Zmuda reported that the AMA has completed most of their events for the year. They will concentrate on working at the Stahl Building during the winter. They held a breakfast fundraiser at Wheatstock in Helix. She reminded everyone that the next AMA meeting will be held on 9-13-21 at 6:00 pm in the Stahl Building.

**ATHENA MAINSTREET ASSOCIATION**



A huge thank you to Athena Mainstreet Association's donors and sponsors who have made so many community events possible this year. We love our partnerships with local businesses and citizens!

**Athena Auto Parts, Nutrien AG Solutions, Sugar Shack, Humbert's Refuse, Zimmerman's Autobody, Bill Ezell Construction, Byrnes Oil, Bee's Knees, Umatilla County Commissioners, Wheatland Insurance, Tim & Lori Kennedy, Angela Schmidtgall, Doubletree Restaurant & Lounge, ALFA, City of Athena, Athena Christian Church, Ken Bjorklund and C&C Tarps.**

**Up Coming Events! Mark Your Calendars!**

- Truck or Treat Sunday Oct 31st 5-7pm on Main Street
- Annual Holiday Bazaar Sat Dec 4th 10am-3pm In the Stahl Building.
- 2nd Annual Holiday Lighting Parade Sun Dec 5th, 5 pm, more info to come.

**Weston McEwen HS Representative:** - Madison Shell, a student and representative for WMHS, asked for council permission to hold their annual homecoming noise parade and bonfire on Wednesday, September 29. A motion was made and seconded to approve the WMHS request for their noise parade and bonfire. Motion carried 4-0.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 8/12/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission approved Permit #2021-06 for Scott and Amy Rogers to build a new shop.

**New Business:** The East Umatilla Fire and Rescue asked permission to fly the American flag over Main Street and have a parade on Main Street on 9/11. They will also be showing a movie in the park that same evening. A motion was made and seconded for the East Umatilla Fire and Rescue to fly flag over Main Street and have a parade on Main Street on 9/11 at 7:00. Motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business:** Sunthurst Energy did not receive their grant, so they are unable to move forward with the solar panel project.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Kristin will be starting Storytime and crafternoon once again after round-up. There is also a 9/11 20-year display at the library.

**Parks & Rec:** None

**Public Works:** Michelle will be sending a grant application to the Watts Fund to ask for help with funding of restrooms at the softball field.

**Fire:** No Report

**Sheriff:** The Umatilla County Sheriff's office monthly report was included in packet. Councilor Kostur will be meeting with the Sheriff to ask for more visibility on Main Street and Third Street.

**Administration:** None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **October 14, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Cancelled** for 2021.

Hoping to see everyone  
in 2022!



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“Ceud Mile Failt”  
(100,000 Welcomes)



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