

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.

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.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____