

## THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2021

**Attendance:** Mayor 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 and Gene Wright present. Councilor Jesse Bonifer was absent. City Recorder Michelle Fox and three guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder 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 failed to appear for his court date and now has a Default Judgement filed against him. To date, the County Code Enforcement has 24 open cases in Athena. Gina also, explained a new pilot project she would like to start in Athena, where local community members volunteer to help with clean up projects for those who are unable to do clean-up themselves. She will write an article for our website and newsletter explaining how this project would work.

**Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA):** April Makenna with the Athena Mainstreet Association asked the Council for permission to close Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Sunday, October 31 between the hours of 4:00-8:00pm for Trunk-or-Treat. A motion was made and seconded to approve street closure for Trunk-or-Treat. Motion carried. Future events on the AMA calendar are the Holiday Bazaar on December 4th and the Christmas Light Parade on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 9/9/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** A letter was submitted by Sue Friese, President of the Caledonian Games Committee, to apply for a grant to add more power outlets to the City Park if the council agreed this was something she should pursue. The Council agreed this was a much-needed project and would like Sue to move forward with grant process.

A new business license from Michels Construction, Inc, a company from Brownsville, WI, submitted a new business application. The council would like Michelle to contact owner and ask what type of construction business they are and what jobs they have in Athena. This application will be tabled until Michelle makes contact.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** Permit #2021-07 from Hugh and Kimberly Wales for a new garage was approved. Permit #2021-08 from Tim and Karen Albert to move forward with annexation of their property in the Urban Growth Boundary to be annexed into the city limits was approved, contingent on the Council approving the same. A motion was made

and seconded to move forward with process of annexing in Urban Growth Boundary Property into the City Limits. Motion Carried 4-0. Michelle will start the process.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Four of the new garbage cans for Main Street have arrived. Public Works will remove the cement planters and replace with the garbage cans.

All the paperwork has been submitted to DLCD for the Beamer property Rezone.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Crafternoon is going well. Kristin is encouraged with the circulation numbers for the library. She feels the numbers are close to pre-pandemic level. Programs with the school are going well. The library will be closed October 20-22 due to Kristin being at a conference.

**Parks & Rec:** None

**Public Works:** The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street project is complete.

**Fire:** Received a nice thank you letter from Fire Dept for our donation for air purifiers.

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

**Administration:** Reader Board has been ordered

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **November 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

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

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