

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 18, 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, Gene Wright and Jesse Bonifer 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:

Judy Weidert addressed the council requesting a plaque be placed, in her late husband's honor, for donating a piece of land by the softball field to the City of Athena in 2010. The Council will make a decision before the next meeting.

Shari Orenge addressed the council asking for direction where to obtain help for the residents of Sunset Housing. Mrs. Oregno's mother is a resident at Sunset Housing and she and many other residents have complaints about the current management. She explained many instances that the residents' requests for repairs and maintenance have not been met and that the living conditions are not acceptable. A deputy from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office gave her his card and told her he would help her make contact with some agencies that may be able to help.

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Vorhauer Flatt updated the council on all the upcoming holiday events for the AMA. The Holiday Bazaar will be held December 4 at the Stahl Building from 10:00-3:00, 2nd Annual Light Parade will be held December 5, Wreathmaking Fundraiser on December 7, and once again they will be holding the Christmas Lighting Contest.

Councilor Sally Thompson volunteered to be a judge for the Light Parade. Councilor Gene Wright volunteered to be a judge for the community lighting contest.

April asked permission to have the Community Christmas Tree in Duggar Park again this year. The council agreed.

The AMA is looking for a volunteer to sit on their Board if anyone is interested.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, December 20th at 6:00pm @ Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00pm @ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, December 9th at 6:00pm @ City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, December 21st at 5:00pm @ City Hall

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm
City Hall: 541-566-3862
City Shop: 541-566-0228
Library: 541-566-2470
Emergency: 911
non-Emergency: 541-966-3651

April gave the Council a handout of the AMA Sidewalk Survey Results showing ideas, wish list, and current hazards on Main Street.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 10/14/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items: The library recommended a change in open hours. This moves the weekly open hours from 28 to 31. This change will better serve the high school students wishing to use the library during their lunch periods. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new library hours. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The Public Hearings for Permit # 2021-03 - Beamer Rezone and #2021-08 - Albert/Johns Annexation have been set for December 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

New Business: The City of Athena has received a \$10,000 grant from the Watts Fund to help with the new restrooms at the softball field.

Old Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Kristin updated the council on the library happenings. A giving tree is set up in library this year. Santa will be stopping by the library soon. The Library Board has an opening to finish out a term for member who has moved. The term will be for a year and half if anyone is interested on sitting on the Board.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: Construction on the new snack shack at the softball field will start on December 13.

Fire: Jesse has a meeting with Fire Chief, Dave Baty at 10:00 am on December 19th.

Sheriff: The Umatilla County Sheriff's office monthly report was included in packet. The council appreciated the speed signs on Main Street and third Street.

Administration: The electricity will be put in this week for the new reader board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. **The next regular council meeting will be December 9, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. Immediately following the Public Hearings.**

**UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
REPORT FOR THE CITY OF
ATHENA
Total Calls for Service/Incidents
(October):**

71



Humbert Refuse will be **open** Saturday, December 4th from 8am-12pm

The landfill will be **CLOSED** the months of **January** and **February**.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall, Public Works and the Library will all be closed December 24th for Christmas and December 31st for the New Year.



Sunday, December 12---Memorial Hall in Weston---4 PM

Inland Northwest Musicians will be performing the most famous Christmas “shout-out” in music history: Handel’s Messiah. INWM features Athena residents: Lee Friese, Music Director and Conductor, Sue Friese, violist, Cyndi Calvert, violinist, Jean Nye, soprano, Mary Helen and Gene Wright, alto and bass. Sharing this wonderful, thrilling music is a great way to celebrate the season; please join us.

PET LICENSE RENEWAL **JANUARY - DECEMBER** **2022**

Your dog/cat license will expire on December 31st. Please renew now! \$12.00 for altered & \$25.00 for unaltered. We will need a copy of your shot records, and a picture would be helpful in case your animal gets lost.

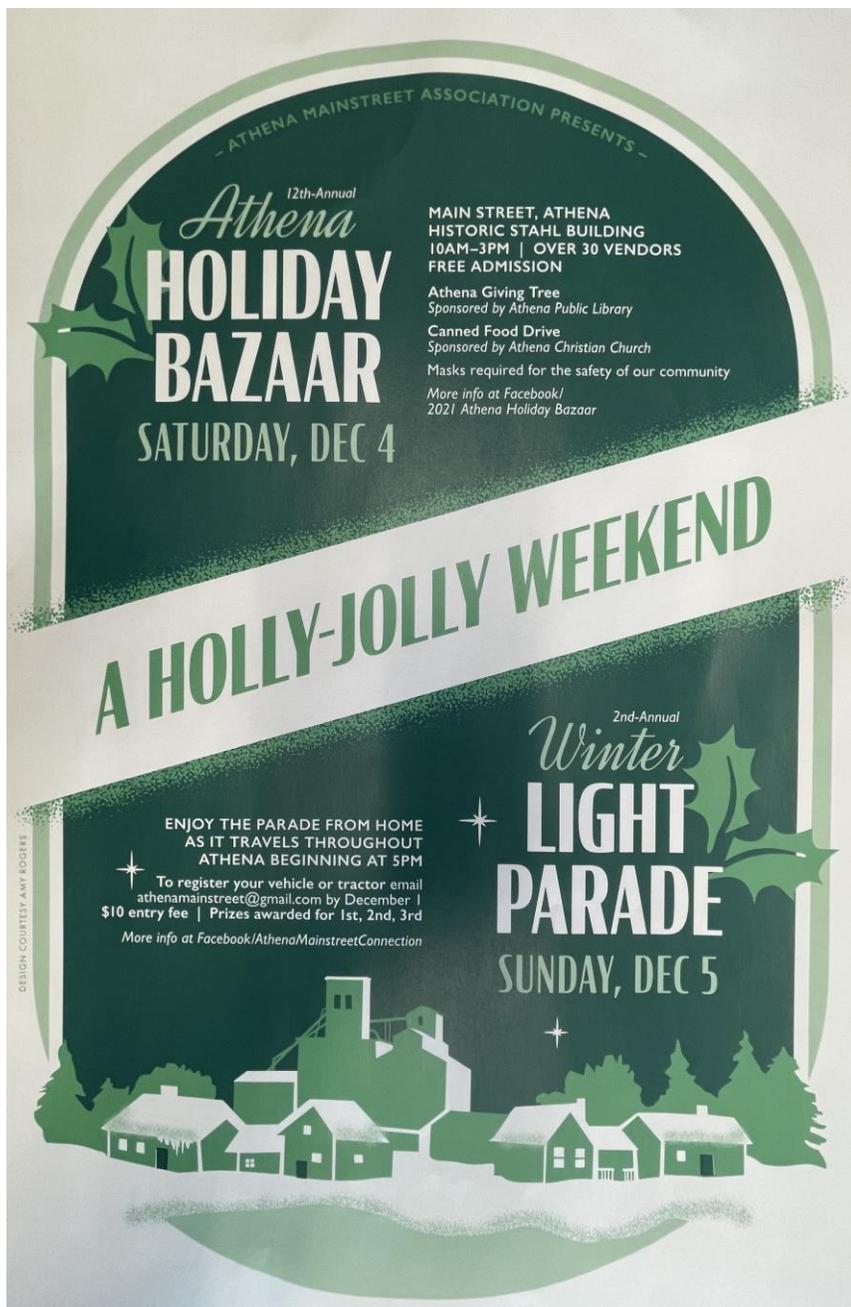
- o Remember, owners over 62 do NOT pay a license fee but still must provide proof of shots.



BUSINESS LICENSE **RENEWAL NOTICE**

Business licenses are due to expire December 31, 2021.

Please come by City Hall or mail the \$50.00 renewal fee. If any of your business or contact information has changed, please let us know.



— ATHENA MAINSTREET ASSOCIATION PRESENTS —

12th-Annual
Athena HOLIDAY BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DEC 4

MAIN STREET, ATHENA
HISTORIC STAHL BUILDING
10AM-3PM | OVER 30 VENDORS
FREE ADMISSION

Athena Giving Tree
Sponsored by Athena Public Library

Canned Food Drive
Sponsored by Athena Christian Church

Masks required for the safety of our community
More info at Facebook/
2021 Athena Holiday Bazaar

A HOLLY-JOLLY WEEKEND

2nd-Annual
Winter LIGHT PARADE
SUNDAY, DEC 5

ENJOY THE PARADE FROM HOME
AS IT TRAVELS THROUGHOUT
ATHENA BEGINNING AT 5PM

To register your vehicle or tractor email
athenamainstreet@gmail.com by December 1
\$10 entry fee | Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd
More info at Facebook/AthenaMainstreetConnection

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Athena Public Library

Holiday books and movies are on display at the library! Stop by to check something out for your cozy winter evenings.

December events at the library:

12/8 - Santa at the library from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Stop by the library to visit Santa and receive a small gift from the Library Board. We'll have a photographer here taking pictures too!

12/10 - Middle School Ukulele classes playing at the library 9:00am

12/14 - Holiday Pajama Storytime at 6:30pm

Wear your cozy jammies and come to the library for stories, cocoa and cookies!

12/21 - Christmas Break Storytime starting at 10:30am

12/22 - Christmas Break Movie Party starting at 2:00pm

12/23 - Christmas Break Crafternoon starting at 3:00pm

Don't forget, we have Storytime every Tuesday morning at 10:30am and regular Crafternoons every Thursday at 3:00pm.

The library will be closed Friday, December 24 and Friday December 31 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.



Caledonian Games will be at the Athena Bazaar on Dec 4 selling Spurtles in a kitchen set. Spurtles are a Scottish invention, I am told! (Handy kitchen utensils.) We have nifty evening bags and great gift items. Look for us at the Bazaar!

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