

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

December 9, 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 excused. City Recorder Michelle Fox and four guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): Councilor Zmuda updated the council on the AMA happenings. The AMA has wrapped up their events for the 2021 year. The Annual Holiday Bazaar and the Christmas Light parade were the final events and both were a big success. They are looking forward to next year's activities. This winter they will be concentrating on more inside renovations. If anyone is interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member, the meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month.

Gina Miller from the Umatilla County Code Enforcement was unable to attend the meeting. Michelle updated the council on the Humbert property. The county has given the council a few ideas on how to move forward getting this property brought into compliance.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 11/18/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve Permit #2021-03, the rezoning of Tax Lot # 1500, Assessors Map #4N3519CB from Industrial to General Residential. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a livestock permit for Jason and Tracy Davis for 2 horses. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a new business license for Calvert's Sugar Shack. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Planning Commissioner Brenda Vorhauer informed the council that they approved Permit #2021-09 for a new garage for Joe and Beth Hoel. Brenda also asked if a member of the council would be interested in attending the Planning Commission meetings.

New Business: Livestock Committee member, Duane Hetterly, recommended to the council that livestock inspections be done on an as-needed basis rather than yearly. The council agreed to doing inspections on an as-needed basis only.

Old Business: Purchasing and installing a plaque in honor of Jerry and Judy Weidert for donating a parcel of land to the City of Athena was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the plaque for Jerry and Judy Weidert and place at the softball field. Motion carried 4-0.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Library has continued to be busy. Santa will be visiting the library. All tags have been taken from the first annual Christmas Giving Tree.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: Need to start thinking about replacement for Kim King if he is retiring next December.

Fire: None

Sheriff: The Umatilla County Sheriff's office monthly report was included in packet. Wayne pointed out that the report also shows they are over on their contracted hours in Athena which is a great thing.

Administration: The reader board should be here the first week in February.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **January 13, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**. Immediately following the Public Hearing.

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____