

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2022

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. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): Citizen of the Year nominations are now being accepted. Although the banquet will not be in person again this year, it is still important to recognize those in the community who make this city a better place for all. If you would like to nominate someone in the community for this award, please send letter of recommendation by February 11, 2022 to Athena Main Street Association, PO Box 333, Athena, OR 97813 or email to athenamainstreet@gmail.com. Winners will be announced March 4, 2022.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 12/9/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve Permit #2021-08, the annexation and rezoning of Tax Lots # 1000 & 100, Assessors Map #4N3424000, to Suburban Residential. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance #252D, Beamer Rezone. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-01, setting water rates for 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-02, setting sewer rates for 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-03 accepting grant funds from the Watts Foundation. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Schroeder announced that all Councilor assignments would remain the same for 2022.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to illness.

New Business: The council would like to thank the public works department for all their hard work during the snow storms.

Mayor Schroeder appointed Mary Bonifer for another four-year term on the planning commission.

All new business license applications were reviewed. All business licenses except one were approved. New business licenses will be mailed out next week. A letter will be written to the one exception.

Old Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Rebekah Chennells is the new Athena Library board member.

Parks & Rec: Work has started on the new playground equipment

Public Works: The new snack shack and restroom facility at the softball field has been constructed. Work will start on the inside very soon.

Fire: None

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

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 **February 10, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, City Recorder _____