

## THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 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, Sally Thompson, and Gene Wright present. Councilors Wayne Kostur and Jesse Bonifer was excused. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and six guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Business from the Public:**

**Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA):** April Makenna reported for the Mainstreet Association. April shared a yearly calendar of events for the Mainstreet Association. The next event is the Citizen of the Year Banquet. There will be no in-person banquet this year, but the winners will be announced on social media on March 4, 2022.

Kylie McClintock, from Cockburn and McClintock CPA's, reviewed the 6/30/21 Audit. Kylie reported a clean audit and commended the City Recorder for her hard work.

Katy King from Humbert Refuse was in attendance to inform the council of the new garbage rates and answer any questions by council or public.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 1/13/22 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 3-0.

**Actionable Items:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance #525E, the annexation and rezoning of Tax Lots # 1000 & 100, Assessors Map #4N3424000, to Suburban Residential. Motion carried 3-0.

Kristin received a grant from the American Library Association for \$10,000. She will be bringing the Seattle Shakespeare Company to Athena. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-04 to Accept and Expense Grant Funds for the Library. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission denied a permit for Joe Kuehn to build a shop addition due to the building being too large and causing more building coverage than the 35% coverage that is allowed per city lot.

**New Business:** Mayor Schroeder informed the council that Public Works Supervisor, Kim King will be retiring in December 2022. The Public Works department is requesting the new hire begin employment with the City by July 1, 2022. Mayor Schroeder appointed

an interview committee consisting of Mayor Schroeder, Councilor Sally Thompson, and Mike Dowd. Mayor Schroeder would like to have position filled by May 1, 2022.

A business license for Hodge Racing and Upholstery, and Crop Production Services were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded for both licenses being approved with the condition of the confusion of Crop Production Services/Nutrien name being sorted out. Michelle will contact Nutrien. Motion carried 3-0.

**Old Business:** The Code Enforcer has cited Athena Spit N Shine for conducting business without a business license. Michelle was directed draft a "Stop Work Order" ordinance for Council's review. In the meantime, the Council has asked Michelle to start gathering information to start an abatement process on this property.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** The new library hours are working out very well. The library has free home covid tests.

**Parks & Rec:** Weather has halted the work on playground equipment

**Public Works:** None

**Fire:** None

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

**Administration:** The concrete slab for the new reader board has been poured. Sign should be here by the end of the month.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 10, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.**

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

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