

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

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.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, February 21st at
6:00pm @ Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 9th at
6:00pm @ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 10th at
6:00pm @ City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, February 8th 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

CITY COUNCIL

Rebecca Schroeder, Mayor

Wayne Kostur, Commissioner of
Police

Gene Wright, Commissioner of
Public Works

Katie Zmuda, Commissioner
of Library

Sally Thompson,
Commissioner of
Administration

Jesse Bonifer, Commissioner of
Fire Services

All departments of the City
of Athena, including the
library, will be closed
February 21, 2022. In
observance of Presidents'
Day.



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.**

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENA

**Total Calls for
Service/Incidents
(December 2021):**

106



Athena Public Library

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

Do you recognize that famous first line? Stop by the library and check out our display of books and their first lines. Sometimes a sentence will grab you and you'll want to check the book out on the spot!

For the month of February, we will be offering Take Home Craft bags every Thursday instead of in person crafternoon. We're also taking a temporary two week pause to Storytime. We plan to re-start Storytime on Tuesday, February 15 at 10:30am.

The Adult Book Club is reading *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain. We'll meet February 28 at 6:30pm to discuss and hand out the March book.

Please watch the Athena Public Library Facebook page for any changes to open hours or activity plans.



License Reminder

All City Licenses, Business, Dog, and Livestock need to be paid before February 15th to avoid a price increase.

Before 15 th	After 15 th
Business - \$50.00	\$55.00
Livestock- \$30.00	\$35.00
Dog - \$12.00	\$15.00



2022 Citizens and Business of the Year Nomination

Although we will not be holding an in-person Citizen of the Year Banquet in 2022, we still feel it is important to honor those in our community who make it a better place for all. Please take the time to nominate a citizen or business from Athena that deserves recognition for their outstanding service to the community.

Please send a letter of recommendation **by February 11, 2022 to:**

Athenamainstreet@gmail.com

or

Athena Mainstreet Association P.O. Box 333 Athena, OR 97813.

Criteria for nomination:

Citizen of the Year

- An Athena citizen who has performed outstanding community service over a period of years.
- One whose community participation has been in a service outside of their business, profession, or vocation.
- Has not received the Citizen of the Year award. See attached past recipients on back

Business of the Year

- Must be located or operate in the City of Athena.
- Show excellence in community service, economic growth, customer service or enhance quality of life for citizens of Athena.

Please include your name, contact information as well as nominee's contact information. Winners will be announced on March 4, 2022.

(see next page for past Citizen/Business of the Year)

Happy Valentine's Day

2021 Chrissy and Alan Froese
Youth: Brooke Dornberger and Victoria Vandenbos
Business: The One Stop

2020 Vernon Purcell and Bob Irvine
Youth: Trinity Yunk and Calvin Papineau
Business: Wheatland Insurance

2019 Robert McLean and Larry Nye
Youth: Matthew Shafer and Ashley Swafford
Business: Athena Auto Parts

2018 Sam Pambrun and Elizabeth McIntyre
Youth: Mary Bagdon, Adrienne Olson, Hannah McIntyre, Keegan Verdin
Business: Humbert Refuse & Recycling

2017 John Shafer and Paula Babb
Youth: Kellen Fairchild, Sarah Von Borstel, Michael Shafer

2016 Linda Pickard and Traci King
Youth: Reeve Betts, Anna Gilsdorf, Jessica Lambert
Business: Sugar Shack

2015 Melvin "Bud" Schmidtgall and Doris McMillan
Youth: Taylor Entze, Katie Schroeder

2014 Dan Cogswell and Carrie Bremer
Youth: Danni Dearing, Natalie Arnold, Kyra Fairchild

2013 Bob and Deborah Johns
Youth: Joe Baumann, Angelica Mironov, Alex Gilsdorf

2012 Jeannie Trout and Delbert Durfee
Youth: Morgan Entze, Jonathan Hansell, Paula Thompson

2011 Everett Pixler and Dick Scheibner
Youth: Daniel Winn, Renee Baumann, Amanda Kuehn

2010 Rob McIntyre and Joanne Huntsman
Youth: Laina Fairchild, Emery Gentry, Jennifer Pace

2009 Dean Parker and Cindy Jones
Youth: Noel Griggs, John Huntsman, Jeannise Nichols

2008 John Nichols and Clint Sloan
Youth: Marie Baumann, Alana Thompson, Victoria Thul

2007 Gary Munck and Nancy Parker
Youth: Joyce Baumann, Karissa Griggs

2006 Cathy Roscoe and Sue Friese
Youth: Breanne Chalmers, Colleen Nichols
Business: US Bank

2005 Irene Boatright and Duane Smalley
Youth: Andrew Griggs, Kayla Johnson

2004 Ross Snodgrass and Denise Jones
Youth: Kasey Freston, Anna McDonald

2003 Debbie Glover and Dick Pittman
Youth: Jackie Kyles

2002 Margaret Hansell
Youth: Chuck Vickery Jr.

2001 Dorothy Bjorklund and Tim Albert
Youth: Megan Allen, Brander Richmond

2000 Ada Veatch and Steve Pyle
Youth: Jennifer Williams, Janine Huntsman

1999 Marie McMillan and Elvin Taylor
Youth: Chris Williams

1998 Karen Albert and Bill Hansell
Youth: Mary Green

1997 Janet Miller and Dick Roscoe

1996 Pat Hunkapillar and Helen Callaway

1995 Mildred Miley and David Lynde

1994 Althadel Beamer and Robert McMillan

1993 Terry Schmidtgall and Willard McMillan

1992 Harold Youncs

1991 Kate Pittman and Gene Hodgson

1990 June Schmidtgall and Walter Veatch

1989 Sharon Fetterly Brown and Tom Munck

1988 Ed Miley

1986 Helen Miller and Ken Bjorkland

1985 Donna Johns and Rol Morrison

1984 Maxine Elder and Dr. William Hansell

1983 Leonard Geissel

1982 Joyce Hansell and Eston Boley

1981 Don Duncan and Harold Searcey

1980 Bonnie Alder

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