

## THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

**March 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, Wayne Kostur and Gene Wright present. Councilor Jesse Bonifer joined the meeting at 6:30. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and five 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 reported the Annual Meeting will be April 4, 2022 at 6:00pm. Board positions are open for the AMA Board if anyone is interested. April announced the Citizens of the Year. Congratulations to Kayla Durfee, April Vorhauer-Flatt, and Bill Muilenburg.

Ed Chestnut, representative for Hodaka Days, was happy to announce that after having to cancel for two years, they are excited to be back. He presented the council with the 2022 schedule for Hodaka Days. Hodaka is scheduled for June 21-26.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 2/15/22 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2022-23 Budget Calendar. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to elected Michelle Fox as Budget officer for the 2022-23. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Schroeder re-appointed Terry Reynolds and Meagan Pickard to the Budget Committee for another two-year term.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** No Planning Commission meeting in March.

**New Business:** Library Director, Kristin Williams addressed the council by reading a farewell letter. The council thanked Kristin for her years of service to the city and the exemplary job she did for the library and the city. Kristin will be missed. A motion was made and seconded to accept Kristin Williams' resignation as Library Director. Motion carried 4-0.

Kristin then introduced the new Library Director, Stephanie Partida. Stephanie will start her new position as Library Director on March 21, 2022. The council welcomed Stephanie to the City.

The council received a written request to close a portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Street for a fundraiser for Ryan Calvert on Sunday, March 13. A motion was made and seconded to approval the 4<sup>th</sup> Street closure for the Calvert Fundraiser. Motion carried 4-0.

A dog complaint letter from a community member was received. Mayor Schroeder explained that this particular complaint had been resolved by the Code Enforcer.

**Old Business:** None

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Kristin submitted her monthly library report.

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

**Public Works:** The windows will be installed soon on the snack shack. They are now waiting for the electrician to finish his portion so that can get to work on the inside.

**Fire:** None

**Sheriff:** No report this month as Sgt Gregory was on vacation.

**Administration:** The reader board is installed but it still needs a bit of electrical work done before start up.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Schroeder announced that council would be going into executive session pursuant to ORS192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiations. Mayor Schroeder closed the open meeting at 6:45 pm. Executive session closed at 7:05 pm and the public meeting was reopened at 7:05 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the City Recorder's new two-year contract with one minor change. The Columbus Day Holiday will be removed and replaced with a Floating Holiday. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **April 14, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.**

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

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