

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL May, 12 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, and Gene Wright present. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 4 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. She reported that Clean Sweep was a success again this year. Had a dozen volunteers. She thanked the council for the \$200.00 donation to feed the volunteers. Tuesday Market will start June 7, 2022 and run through August. April asked the Council if the city would supply a port-a potty again this year for Tuesday Market. A motion was made and seconded to supply restroom facilities to Tuesday Market. Motion carried 3-0.

Traci King and Paula Babb proposed planting a community garden in the city park. They asked the council if the city would be willing to donate \$10,000 to the project as they believe the community would benefit from this garden. The council was supportive of the idea but asked Traci and Paula to do a community survey to see if the community supports this project and report the results back to them. They will discuss again after seeing the survey results.

Sue Friese presented a letter to the council asking permission to write a grant for a concrete yard art Loch Ness Monster statue to be placed in the park. She explained that Caledonian Games is trying to keep the rich Scottish tradition alive in Athena. After discussion a motion was made to allow Sue to bring the yard art to the city park. Due to a lack of a second, the motion died on the floor and was not voted on.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 4/14/22 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Actionable Items: The interview committee for the Public Works Position were impressed with the candidates and recommended hiring

JUNE MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, June 20th at 6:00pm @
Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00pm
@ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 9th at 6:00pm @
City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, June 21st 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

Brian Pickard for the position. A motion was made and seconded to hire Brian Pickard. Motion carried 3-0. Brian will start on July 1, 2022.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: They are reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan.

New Business: Michelle reminded Council about the Budget Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Old Business: Michelle will draft a policy for the Reader Board for council's review and input. Council is free to send Michelle their ideas for this policy.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Katie is very pleased how Stephanie has hit the ground running. Stephanie is very creative and excited about the summer reading program. Library attendance is very high.

Parks & Rec: The mulch for under the new playground equipment has been ordered and will be placed soon.

Public Works: They are still waiting on permits to finish the snack shack and restrooms at ball field.

Fire: None

Sheriff: Report in packet. There has been a concern about transients in town recently. A deputy explained that all our businesses in town can enter into a Trespass Agreement with the County. This agreement allows the deputies to go on their premises and remove transients at any time. He will get us a copy of agreement so we can get them to the businesses.

Administration: They have been working hard on finishing up the budget.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 9, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.**

CALEDONIAN GAMES

Plans for this July's Caledonian Games are quickly moving forward. The Committee is bringing back a Scottish Dance exhibition, a Celtic Band to perform in the park, and several new activities. We are making good progress to rebuild the Games after Covid.

The Committee has absolute confidence in Sue's leadership. She is the heart and soul of these games. We ask for everyone's support to make this year's games a success.

Kayla Durfee, Secretary

Caledonian Games Committee

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

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENA

**Total Calls for
Service/Incidents
(APRIL 2022):**

105



**HODAKA DAYS 2022
JUNE 23-26**





The City of Athena is pleased to announce a partnership with Walla Walla YMCA in offering Swim Lessons at Athena Pool this summer. American Red Cross Trained Water Safety Instructors from Walla Walla YMCA will be on hand this summer at Athena pool. We are excited for the opportunities this partnership brings as our community will be able to learn from experienced and highly trained instructors. This partnership also means a higher-quality swim lesson program as communities work together to lower drowning statistics across our nation.

Swim Lesson Dates:

Session 1: June 20-July 1

Session 2: July 11-July 22

Session 3: August 1-August 12

\$25.00 per child per session

AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSON OUTLINE

Ages 2 years and younger

BABY AND ME SWIMMING LESSONS

11:30am-12:00pm (same dates as sessions above)

Preschool Levels 1-3 are for ages 3-5 years old

PRESCHOOL LEVEL 1 Have little to no swimming experience, very beginning level, instructors will support (hold) them during skills sessions, goal is to build comfort exploring the water and getting face wet, they will be working on floating on front and back, breath control (blowing bubbles), kicking on front and back, beginning arm strokes on front and back.

PRESCHOOL LEVEL 2 These kids are able to submerge their face in the water, they are relaxed in the water when they are practicing their floating skills, even if they're still supported by instructor, they are willing to try new things including completely submerging, they will work on combining arms and legs on front and back, and learning to do some skills unsupported.

PRESCHOOL LEVEL 3 These swimmers are able to easily submerge, these swimmers are able to float on their front and back independently, swimmers are able to swim short distances on their front and back unsupported combining arm and leg action, swimmers are comfortable submerging and opening their eyes under water

LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM for AGES 6- 12

LEVEL 1 Have little to no swimming ability, are not comfortable in the water and are not comfortable submerging their head, needs support from instructor to float, instructor will work with swimmers on gaining comfort and confidence in the water, swimmers will learn basic skills such as breath control (bubble blowing), submerging face, kicking on front and back with support from instructor.

LEVEL 2 These swimmers are more confident in the water, they are able to submerge comfortably and do "bobs" in the water unsupported, swimmers will learn to open eyes under water and retrieve objects in shallow water, they will also learn to combine leg and arm strokes on front and back.

LEVEL 3 These swimmers are very comfortable in the water, they are able to make forward progress on their front and back for short distances, instructors will be working with them to learn breaststroke and butterfly kick, swimmers will learn the basics of treading water and diving into deep water, they should be able to perform freestyle and backstroke by the time they finish this level, they will learn elementary backstroke and begin swimming on their side.

LEVEL 4 These swimmers are comfortable in the water, they are able to perform freestyle and backstroke easily when starting level 4, swimmers will learn to put the butterfly and breaststroke together arms and legs, swimmers will begin to build endurance by swimming lengths of the pool, swimmers will work on side stroke and perfect elementary back stroke from level 3, swimmers should be able to perform somersaults in the water.

LEVEL 5 Swimmer will be building endurance through laps and working to improve butterfly, breaststroke, freestyle, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, and backstroke.

**Please call Athena City
Hall to sign up:
541-566-3862**

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY:



The library has a ton of fun stuff planned for this summer! Be sure to stop by and sign up for summer reading!

Wednesday, June 15th the library will have adjusted hours and be open 1:00pm-6:00pm

Library Board will be on Monday, June 20 at 6:00pm.

Book Club will be held on Monday, June 27th. Pick up a copy of our current read, "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline at the library.

- Monday, June 6: Summer Reading sign-ups begin!
- Wednesday, June 8: Traveling Lantern "Camp Ocean" 6:00pm, Athena City Park.
- Wednesday, June 22: Forest Service "Leave No Trace" program 11:15, Athena Library
- Thursday, June 23: Forest Service "Fire Prevention" program with Jimmy 10:30am, Athena Library
- Tuesdays June, July, and August: Story time 10:30am, Athena Library
- Wednesdays starting June 22: Arts & Crafts 5:00pm at the Athena Library.
- Reading Road Trip—Stop by for more information and to get signed up.
- We will have an adult summer reading bingo challenge so be sure to stop by and sign up! Follow us on Facebook for more details and to keep up to date on upcoming events.



Athena City Pool
2022
First Day, Monday
June 6th

Monday-Saturday

Open Swim: 1:00PM-6:00PM

Cost: 3 years and up \$2.00

2 years and under, Free

Sunday- CLOSED

Pool Rentals Available-

Saturdays and Sundays (call
City Hall for pricing/availability)

Sign up at City Hall for Season
Pass (\$100.00)

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Tuesday Market
June 7, 2022-August 30,
2022

Community Night Out
July 29, 2022

Trunk or Treat
October 31, 2022

Annual Holiday Bazaar
December 3, 2022

Winter Light Parade
December 4, 2022



The Athena City Council has 3 open seats starting in January 2023. Terms run from 2023-2026. If you are interested in running, please stop by City Hall to pick up election packet. First day to file is June 1, 2022.

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