

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2022

Attendance: Mayor Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:05 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Katie Zmuda, Sally Thompson, Wayne Kostur and Gene Wright present. Councilor Jesse Bonifer was absent from meeting. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 2 guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Mckenna reported for the Mainstreet Association. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 31st from 5:00-8:00 on Main Street. Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up will be November 6th. Anyone interested in helping with clean-up, please meet at the Stahl Building at 8:00 am on November 6, 2022. You must be 16 years old or older. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 3rd from 10:00-3:00 in the Stahl Building. AMA will be hosting their Christmas Wreath Making Night at the Stahl Building on December 6, 2022 at 6:00pm. The \$40.00 registration fee must be pre-paid, and limited spots are available. Contact athenamainstreet@gmail.com.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 9/8/22 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-08 to "Accept and Expense Grant Funds for the Water/Sewer Infrastructure" for the new city housing development. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance #525-F to Amend the City of Athena Comprehensive Plan Map for Certain Property from the General Residential Designation to the Residential-Commercial Designation. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: Tim Sprenger with Aspen Construction would like to invite the Mayor, Council, and public to a groundbreaking ribbon cutting ceremony for the new housing development on October 27th at 4:30 pm at the development site.

New Business: A work session was scheduled with Anderson-Perry for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss the new Waste Water Facilities Plan.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

CEMETERY

Tuesday, November 15th 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

Old Business: Michelle will contact Charter/Spectrum to ask for a representative to attend the next meeting to discuss the franchise agreement proposal.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: New flooring is complete and looks beautiful. Attendance at library is very high. Stephanie is doing a great job.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: None

Fire: Minutes from the last Fire Department meeting are included in packet.

Sheriff: Wayne met with a deputy from the Sheriff's Department to discuss some concerns. A speed sign was put on Main Street. They are short staffed but hoping to get new hires up and going soon. Wayne would like to see a budget report as to what the cost of our own police department would cost compared to what we are paying now to be able to show public the actual costs involved in having our own department.

Administration: Michelle and Karrah were unable to attend training conference due to illness. Karrah will be attending next council meeting as Michelle will be on vacation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **November 10, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.**

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
(SEPTEMBER 2022):**

95



The Athena Caledonian Association is proud to announce that at the annual board meeting, held October 20, Nick Seltmann was elected President of the Association. A very productive and active SWOT conversation had been held that identified Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats with good input, so the Association is pointing to positive goals for 2023 and a solid future. Your loyal support is sought for on-going projects and future of the Athena Caledonian Games.

Sue Friese, retiring President, would like to continue working on special projects. One such project identified by the Caledonian Association is that it could collect Clan Stories. Many Athena people have Scottish backgrounds but have not written their stories. By helping you, Caledonian helps preserve Athena's rich Scottish heritage. Please call Kayla Durfee at 541-566-9308 or Sue Friese at 541-566-3880 and we will encourage you to save your Scottish family story. With your permission, your story may be included in a book of "Clan Stories Collected by Caledonian" that could be published by Caledonian in the future.

**CITY HALL
CLOSURE**

**City Hall, Public
Works, and the
Athena Library will be
closed November 11th
for Veterans' Day and
November 24th-25th
for Thanksgiving.**

Athena Public Library

LIBRARY NEWS-

Crafter-noon returns this month! Drop in from 3:00pm-5:00pm to participate in a fun craft.

Our carpet has been installed and I am working on getting the library back in order. I am working on condensing our local history into one easy-to-find section. (Don't worry, it's all still here)! I am also excited to announce that in partnership with the State Library we are working on digitizing much of our local collection to preserve the history and make it more accessible to everyone. Stop in or check out our website for more information and to view the digital collection.

The annual Athena Library and Friends Association annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 4:00PM. If you are interested in joining A.L.F.A. or would like to learn more please join us that day.

Follow us on Facebook or check out our website to stay up to date on all thins Library!

@athenapubliclibrary

<https://athenalibrary.weebly.com/>



Help the American Legion Post 130 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Athena cemetery.

Please have all donations in by December 4th.

1 Wreath = \$15.00

Approximately 302 Veterans in the Athena Cemetery.

Send donations to:

American Legion Post 130

C/O Tim Kennedy

PO Box 477

Athena, OR 97813

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 130



Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 3,400 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

On December 17, 2022 there will be a ceremony for the wreaths donated to the Athena Cemetery!



**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE!!**



TIME TO PACK YOUR WATER METERS

Winter is just around the corner and the weather is changing quickly, so now is the time to pack your water meter with a plastic bag full of insulation in the form of leaves, plastic peanuts, or newspaper until Spring!

ATHENA MAINSTREET ASSOCIATION

Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesday December 6th at 6PM

Come Enjoy an evening of friends, refreshments, and make your own wreath. All supplies provided, only \$40.00 per person. Please prepay to reserve your spot, spaces are limited.

To register email:

athenamainstreet@gmail.com



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**Happy Veterans Day
2022! Thank you for
serving the county with
courage and dedication.
Happy Veterans Day!**



**TIME TO FALL BACK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH.
SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Adopt a Highway
Meet at Stahl Building at 8AM
MUST be 16 years or older
November 6, 2022

Annual Holiday Bazaar
December 3, 2022

Winter Light Parade
December 4, 2022

