

CITY OF ATHENA

NEWSLETTER



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

November 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 was absent from meeting. Assistant City Recorder, Karrah King and 6 guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Booster Club: Katy King reported on behalf of the Booster Club and asked council to consider letting them paint/add decal to the water tower. Mayor Schroeder asked Katy to get some prices and ideas and come back to present those to council.

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Mckenna reported for the Mainstreet Association. Trunk or Treat went really well she had asked if the city would look into purchasing a few more detour signs. Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up was November 6th they worked about an hour and a half and got 8 bags of trash. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 3rd from 10:00-3:00 in the Stahl Building. The winter light parade will be December 4th at 4:00pm. 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. Christmas lighting contest will be December 19th. Contact athenamainstreet@gmail.com for any questions.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 10/20/22 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve a business license application for The Doubletree Restaurant and Bar, LLC, applicant Diana Castillo M. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Schroeder went over the timeline of events for the Humbert Spit N Shine property which caused the abatement action and a letter from Mr. Humbert's counsel as well as correspondence from the City's counsel. City Council has asked Gina Miller to look into the zoning of Mr. Humberts property

DECEMBER MEETINGS

LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, December 19th at
6:00pm @ Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 7th at
6:00pm @ City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, December 8th at
6:00pm @ City Hall

CEMETERY

Tuesday, December 20th at
5:00pm @ City Hall

CITY OFFICES CLOSURE

**City Hall, Public Works, and
the Athena Library will be
closed for the Christmas
Holiday on Monday, December
26th.**

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

and look for any language regarding occupancy.

The council concluded steps that can be made by Mr. Humbert. 1. Pay fine, 2. Any and all violations must be current, 3. Stop doing business until he obtains a business license, and 4. Apply for a business license.

The council has asked Karrah and Michelle to ask Attorney Patrick Gregg for advice on moving forward.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission approved permit no. 2022-07

Property Address: 335. W. Washington St.

Abigail and Stephen Craigen are replacing the existing utility room (approximately 81 sq.ft.). The new addition will be 10'x26'. A total of 260 sq.ft

New Business: A work session was scheduled with Anderson-Perry for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss the new Waste Water Facilities Plan.

Mayor Schroeder asked Athena Mainstreet Association to come up with a schedule for Public Works to swap out the banners on Main Street light poles.

Old Business: Council was asked to provide a list of questions for Charter/Spectrum to be addressed via zoom with representatives from the company on Decembers council meeting.

Tim Sprenger with Aspen Construction shared an update with the Aspen Heights Development. He is hoping to break ground in December and is awaiting approval of a few things from the City's Engineer, Brad Baird.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Stephanie included the Annual Library Service Review 2021-2022 and her Council Report. Stephanie has met her goals as the Library Director.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: Contacted Fire Chief Dave Baty- he will plan a date for the fire department to burn the debris pile.

Fire: None

Sheriff: Wayne will make a new cost report to show the cost of creating an Athena Police Department.

Deputy Wolverton was present on behalf of Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. He included several data breakdowns of hours contracted with the county and hours provided by the county. He also provided a summary of the stats gathered by the speed reader board that has been present on Main St and 3rd St between October 5-October 22. The average volume of cars per day: 1,205. Average Vehicular Speed 17.0 mph.

Administration: A reminder that City Hall, Athena Public Library, and the Public Works will be closed for Veterans Day and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next regular council meeting will be December 8, 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



In 1992-93, Helen Woodroffe wrote biographical sketches for Athena Caledonian Games programs. She wrote: "Names found in the old Caledonian record books read like a roll-call of the Scottish clans: Bell, Gillis, Jamieson, Ferguson, Malcolm, Morrison, McArthur, McBride, McDonald, McEwen, McFadden, McIntyre, McKenzie and McLean—to name a few." She wrote about the McEwen, McIntyre, Ross, McLean clans from Athena, Adams and Weston in 1992, and McMillan and Morrison clans in 1993. She explained how these pioneers came here, and that many raised wheat and families, successfully participated in civic activities and were active in the old Umatilla County Caledonian Society, formed in 1899.

If your name is here, Caledonian needs to hear from you.....if it is not, we need to hear from you. Caledonian is collecting Scottish clan stories (with pictures!) from Athena, Umatilla County and the region to put together into a book. Please submit your clan information to athenacaledoiangames@gmail.com Call Kayla Durfee at 541-969-7217 or Sue Friese at 541.566.3880. Preserving our clan stories is important to Athena, Caledonian, your clan and family.



Athena Public Library
Christmas Giving Tree

- Pick up tags starting November 16
- Purchase gifts for that child
- Return gifts, wrapped or unwrapped by December 14
- Don't have time to shop? We will accept monetary donations and shop for you!

Merry Christmas!

Make a local child's Christmas a little bit brighter

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Santa is coming to town!

Santa will be at the Athena Library on Wednesday, December 7th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Come get a warm drink, cookie, and a picture with Santa.

Join us Tuesdays at 10:30am for pre-school story time. This is geared towards children age 0-6 but older siblings are welcome to come as well.

Thursdays we have drop in Crafternoon from 3:00-4:30pm.

Library Board is Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm.

The library will be closed Monday, December 26th.

We are also hosting our annual giving tree at the library. We have lots of tags available. Pick one up to make a local kids Christmas a little bit brighter this holiday season.

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!



A friendly reminder that as snow falls this season it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their sidewalks.


No owner or person in charge of property, improved or unimproved, abutting on a public sidewalk shall permit: (1) Snow to remain on the sidewalk for a period of longer than the first four hours of daylight after the snow has fallen. (2) Ice to remain on the sidewalk for more than four hours of daylight after the ice has formed unless the ice is covered with sand, ashes or other suitable material to assure safe travel.

Thank you!

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENA

Total Calls for Service/Incidents (October):

73



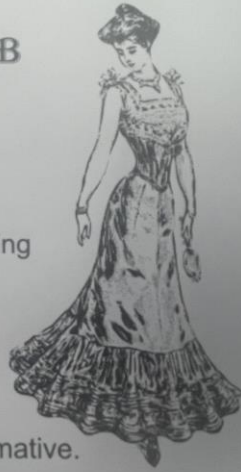
ATHENA STUDY CLUB

Meeting since 1925
to learn and socialize with friends.

Athena Study Club means sharing

Open membership
to women of all walks of life.

Meetings are friendly, fun, & informative.



Athena Study Club means SHARING

Sharing in: Discussion
Socializing
Learning

First & Third Fridays
12:30 PM to approximately 2:30 PM

October to May, 2023

Athena City Hall, Miller Memorial Room

Responsibilities:

- Research – prepare informative, fun presentation
- Calling if you cannot attend is a courtesy
- Paying a fine if you can't contribute an item for Roll Call (25 cents! It goes toward postage.)
- \$10 Annual Dues

For More information:

Contact Mary Helen Wright mhw1@q.com or Kay Bailey 541.379.9873

GEM THEATRE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 2:00 PM
in the STAR SALOON



JOIN US AS WE CLOSE THE LAST WALL OF THE GEM THEATRE AND SEAL OUR TIME CAPSULE

Over 400 volunteers have given time to this project since 2006. We would like as many volunteers as possible to sign the papers that will be in the time capsule.

Signatures from volunteers can be left at the Sugar Shack or the Bank of Eastern Oregon on Main Street. They can also be emailed to rob.mcintyre@athwestsd.org or written in person at the ceremony on December 10th.

ATHENA MAINSTREET ASSOCIATION

Athena Holiday Bazaar - December 3rd 10am - 3pm at the Stahl Building, there are over 30 vendors and there will be hot breakfast and lunch options next to the building.

Calvert's Sugar Shack will also be hosting holiday vendors at their location during the same time.

Winter Light Parade - December 4th starts @ 4pm, prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded (route will be on our FB @ AthenaMainstreetConnection)

Pre-registration is required @
athenamainstreet@gmail.com, Entry Fee \$20

It was decided at the last Events committee meeting that due to number of holiday events already in place and number of board members available to participate, we will not be sponsoring a Holiday Light Contest for residences and businesses this year.



- Annual Holiday Bazaar.....10:00AM-3:00PM
December 3, 2022
- Winter Light Parade.....STARTS AT 4:00PM
December 4, 2022

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