

March 14, 2024

Attendance: Mayor Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Sally Thompson, Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, Gene Wright, and John Manderscheid being present. City Recorder, Michelle Fox, and 9 guests were also present. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

AMA - Katie Zmuda reported for AMA. The Citizen of the Year banquet will be held Friday, April 5, 2024. Tickets will be available at City Hall or you can email athenamainstreet@gmail.com. Clean Sweep/Free Dump Day will be held on May 4, 2024. If you have large items you would like to have picked up to go to dump, please call Nutrien to get on their pick-up list.

Hodaka - Bob Whitman and Greg Floren informed the council of all the fun events scheduled for this year's Hodaka Day Celebration, and asked council's permission to hold Hodaka Days June 27-30. A motion was made and seconded to hold Hodaka Days June 27-30. Motion carried 5-0.

HUD Housing - County Commissioner Cindy Timmons updated the Council on her meeting with Roger Condi, with the Umatilla County Housing Authority. It appears that UCHA is moving forward with dispossessing McEwen Housing. The City will write a letter to Oregon Congressman Cliff Bentz to see if he can be of any assistance with our low-income housing issues.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 2/8/24 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Schroeder appointed City Recorder, Michelle Fox as Budget Officer for Budget year 2024-2025.

Mayor Schroeder re-appointed Lori Kennedy to the Budget Committee for another term.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: All open building permits were reviewed.

New Business: Michelle reminded all councilors to submit their Ethics Reports by April 15, 2024.

Old Business: A draft of the new Umatilla County Code Enforcement Contract was reviewed. One change was needed and will be addressed with Umatilla County Planning Department. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Umatilla County Code Enforcement Contract with said change. Motion carried 5-0.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: The library received a \$2,000 grant which will be used for Early Learning Projects and a series of Family Night Events. Umatilla County Library District Director, Heather Estrada, was introduced by Stephanie. Heather addressed the council and thanked the council for working with and supporting our local library.

Parks & Rec:

Public Works: Beginning spring work

Fire: New fire station is 65% complete.

Sheriff: The sheriff's report is in packet.

Administration: Administration is getting ready for budget season. Michelle reminded the council that City Hall would be closed on Fridays in May-September.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.**

Approved: Becky Schroeder, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, City Recorder _____