

CITY COUNCIL

John Shafer, Mayor
Rebecca Schroeder,
Parks & Recreation
Chet Sater,
Comm. of Fire Services
Carol Speed,
Comm. of Public Works
LaVerne Mitchell,
Comm. of Administration
Pat Gibson
Comm. of Library
John Shafer,
Comm. of Police Services:

CITY HALL HOURS
Monday – Friday
8am - 5pm
(open during lunch)
Closed
all legal holidays

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862
City Shop 566-0228
Library 566-2470
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency
Sheriff Dispatch
541-966-3651

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Ambulance Calls: JANUARY 2018

ILLNESS TRAUMA

Year -to- date:

NO INFORMATION



ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018



FEBRUARY MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, 6th @ 5:30 pm

Library Board

Monday, 12th @ 7:00 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 7th @ 6:00pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 8th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 20th @ 5:30 pm

Please watch for children crossing the streets! They don't always watch for you!! Please drive safe!

LIBRARY: Is your reading life in need of a pick-me-up? Stop by the library in February and try a Blind Date with a Book. We'll have displays of wrapped books together with descriptions of their contents. Find a description that piques your interest, check out the book and then take it home to unwrap it and, hopefully, fall in love! We'll have Blind Date books available for all reading levels and interests starting February 1.

Valentine's Day Crafternoon: Crafters of all ages are invited to drop in to the library on Monday, February 12 between 3:00pm and 6:00pm to make a fun Valentine's Day craft. We'll have craft supplies and several crafty ideas available for you to try or maybe you'll be hit with your own creative inspiration! We look forward to seeing you and what you come up with.

You might have heard that Oregon author, Ursula K. Le Guin recently died. Did you know that your library owns several of her novels? We also recently added her latest book, *No Time to Spare*, a collection of essays on life, aging and what is really important. Timely thoughts, no matter your age. Stop in to check out that or one of Le Guin's other books.

Do you have thoughts about the library's open hours? We'd love to know them! Take our survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/pzpj9jw or stop by the library for a paper copy. We're in an information gathering phase right now and we'd like your input.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/athenapubliclibrary/>

CONGRATULATIONS

Athena First Citizens and Young Adult Winners

FIRST CITIZENS:

Elizabeth McIntyre: The W-M committed educator goes above and beyond being a teacher; Elizabeth coordinated the honors program, drama club and began a Home Economics Course. She sits on the East Umatilla County Ambulance District and has been involved in with the renovation of the historic Gem Theater.

Sam Pambrum: Sam is known for being from a pioneering family who settled in the area during the fur trading days. Sam has been active in the historical society and the renovation of the Gem Theater, sharing his wealth of knowledge of the history of the area. Sam built a career in education. He has been involved in fraternal and community organizations his entire life.

YOUNG ADULTS :

Mary Bagdon: Mary is a senior at W-M with a 4.19 GPA. She actively participates in Pipes & Drums, National Honor Society, and FFA where she helps with the Petting Zoo, plant sales and dinners. Mary volunteers with the Humane Society, been a YWCA Camp Counselor, and has been part of the Mentor Program for freshman at the school.

Hannah McIntyre: Hannah is a senior at W-M with a 3.88 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, active in school activities where she has headed up the blood drive and co-hosted the cancer walk. Hannah is a member of Pipes & Drums and Pep Band. She is active in sports, and a member of FFA where she earned her State Degree and has been a page for the Oregon State Senate.

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ATHENA CITY HALL

WILL BE CLOSED Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of President's Day.



Highlights of the Athena City Council Meeting

January 11, 2018

Attendance: Mayor John Shafer called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm in the Miller Family Community Room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater, Carol Speed, and Rebecca Schroeder present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and eight guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Michael Ward from **Umatilla Watershed Basin Council** reported the archeological dig was completed yesterday and today, a Geotechnical Investigation will be done in February, and a picture of the railing for the bridge was shown. Construction is slated to begin 9/1/18 and should take 2-3 weeks to complete. They are still waiting for drawings from Century Link.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: The Citizen of the Year Banquet will be on January 15, 2018 at the Catholic Church Hall @ 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and Representative Greg Barreto is the speaker.

Main Street Association: They are working with Crop Production Services to prepare for Spring Clean-Up, which is scheduled for May 5th. They requested the City again provide up to \$200 to pay for lunch for the volunteers. A motion was made to provide up to \$200 for lunch, was seconded and approved 5-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 12/14/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Motions were made, seconded and approved 5-0 to accept Resolutions 2018-01-Approve Water Rates and 2018-02-Approve Sewer Rates. The rates did not change.

Council members discussed purchasing insurance on the new reservoir. Nancy was instructed to find out exactly what the insurance would cover and report back at the next council meeting.

Mayor Shafer signed a proclamation commemorating January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice Week.

Nancy presented information on CAN - Connect Americans Now- closing the broadband gap. CAN is an initiative to provide affordable and reliable broadband connection to rural Americans, with no cost involved. Motion was made and seconded to join CAN. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The Gem Theatre is planning to put a mural depicting the movie "City Girl" on the side of the building. The movie was shot near Athena, using local people, equipment and animals.

Pool: WC construction has completed their portion of the project, with a savings of \$46,092 on the contract. The city will still have expenses for paint and other items to finish the project.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird presented three display boards of the water project to the city. All contract work is now complete. The final pay request for Goodman & Melenbacher is ready for submission to USDA, which will expend all USDA funding. A final change order to match additional work performed by Goodman & Mehlenbacher and amended engineering fees for the extra crossings needs approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved 5-0 to authorize the final change order. A motion was also made and seconded to authorize Nancy to sign the final paperwork, which will be routed through USDA. Motion approved 5-0. Brad reported Well #5 samples showed iron bacteria, but no manganese. This is not unusual as they display the same properties. The well will be flushed and tested again next week. Now that the system has settled down there should be no more problems with it.

New Business: Retired Librarian Carrie Bremer introduced new Librarian Kristin Williams. Kristin reported there is a new electronic open sign at the library. Mayor Shafer presented Carrie with an engraved pen set, along with a crystal plaque thanking her for her 19½ years of service to the city and the library.



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Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: The audit went well, and will be presented at the February 8th council meeting. City offices will be closed January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Michelle will be on vacation Feb 2-9. Nancy was given permission to close City Hall February 5th to attend a medical appointment with her father. She will reopen when she returns to town that day.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **February 8, 2018 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

The minutes are subject to council approval, any corrections or additions will appear in the next newsletter

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Citizen of the year continued....

Adrienne Olson: Adrienne is a senior at W-M earning a 3.65 GPA. She is a member of National Honor Society, Pipes and Drums and Pep Band. She is active in varsity sports where she has lettered in Cross Country and Track. Adrienne has volunteered in numerous community events and participates in 24/7 youth group. She is also a weekly volunteer for the Kids Connections Program.

Keegan Verdin: Keegan is a senior at W-M earning a 4.09 GPA and a member of National Honor Society. He has been awarded Academic Excellence Awards and made the President's List at BMCC for his on-line courses. He participated in the Technology Expo at EOU. He has earned varsity awards for being the manager for football, girls and boys basketball and baseball. Next fall he plans to attend Oregon Institute of Technology.

Business of the Year:

Humbert's Refuse & Recycling: Sam and Rosella Humbert, owners of Humbert Refuse ,have had a strong involvement in our community for many years. They provide recycling and waste management services to local events and open their landfill one weekend each spring so residents may dispose of unwanted items for free, encouraging a community clean up. This business holds a canned food drive each year to benefit our community.

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our outstanding citizens and youth at our Citizen of the Year Banquet. The evening was a great success for the fundraisers and a big surprise to the winning recipients. Thank you to Jennifer Mann and the 24/7 Baptist Youth Group for a delicious meal and great service, our guest speaker, Greg Barreto, Nancy Parker for making donation calls for the beautiful flower arrangements that were given out as raffle prizes. Bill and Margaret Hansell for coordinating the Chamber's Wildhorse fundraiser, the Chamber Ensemble from Inland NW Musicians for the live entertainment, and to everyone that submitted a nomination. Congratulations again to our winners and we will see you next year!!


Budget Committee Vacancies

The Athena City Council is seeking two citizens to serve a three year term on the City of Athena Budget Committee, term ending December 31, 2021. Please inquire at City Hall, or call 541-566-3862, and submit letters of interest by 5:00 pm March 8th.



CALEDONIAN GAMES

Athena Caledonian Games is in to grant-writing season and we are dreaming up new plans. Please join us as we make those plans for 2018. Caledonian Guardians are donors who are keeping our Scottish tradition alive in Athena. Kindly mail us a check of \$50 to become a Guardian; send to PO Box 161, Athena, OR 97813. Call 541.566 3880 for Caledonian meeting information.



**ATHENA
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

The Athena Elementary School is collecting Box Tops for Education. Please bring your Box Tops to the Elementary School Office Monday through Friday, 7:30-4:00 pm.

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**Triangle Little League
 Little League Registrations**

Sign Up Dates

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, February 20, 2018	Helix School	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	Athena Elementary School	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Thursday, February 22, 2018	Weston Middle School	6:00pm to 8:00pm

All kids (starting at age 4) interested in playing T-Ball, Softball, and Baseball need to register in order to play in the spring. All registrations need to be submitted by February 28th, 2018. You may access the required forms on our website at

<http://www.eteamz.com/trianglelittleleague1/handouts/>. We are also on **Facebook** – just search for **Triangle Little League**. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole McLouth, President, at trianglelittleleague@hotmail.com.

Required Documentation for Registration:

- Registration Form
- Medical Release Form
- Copy of player’s birth certificate
- Proof of Residency (i.e. utility bill with physical address)
- Volunteer Form & Copy of Driver’s License

There are two ways to register:

1. Attend a registration night listed above to complete and submit registration forms all in one step!
2. Mail completed forms and payment to: Triangle Little League, PO Box 204, Athena, OR 97813

Registration Fees:

- T-Ball/Challenger - \$35.00 per player**
- Baseball/Softball - \$50.00 per player**
- Family Maximum of \$100.00**

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