

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

BIG THANK YOU!

Paula and Traci would like to thank everyone for supporting our pop can drive and for continuing to support our efforts to fund the pool house. We continue to pickup cans on Wednesdays. Call with address if you need us to come by your place or drop cans off at the Sugar Shack.

Many Thanks – Paula and Traci

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2018

MARCH 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

WATER METERS

Yes, if Old Man Winter will cooperate, the Public Work's crew will start reading water meters in March. Please have your meter unpacked by March 20th. Each customer will be charged \$10 for each meter that is not cleaned out by this date. Thanks!
City Hall Staff

CITY PARK CLEAN UP !!

Save the Date: It's time to prepare our beautiful city park for spring and summer activities. Saturday, March 17 at 8:30 am, we are calling Athena citizens to don your gloves, ready your tools (rakes and wheel barrows) and rally together over the sticks and leaves. The first event of 2018 in the park is the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 am.

Coffee, hot cocoa and snacks are provided. See you then!!

Athena Chamber of Commerce.

Contact: Delbert Durfee at 541-969-2156

ATHENA BUDGET

COMMITTEE

The Athena City Council is seeking three citizens to serve a three year term on the Athena Budget Committee. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to Athena City Hall by 5:00 pm March 8th. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 541-566-3862

ATHENA CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS

The Athena City Council has three upcoming vacant positions. These position will be open January 2019. All positions are 4-year positions. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact City Hall and we will give you instructions to file and how to get on the ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at 541.566.3862

LIBRARY NEWS

Spring Break is this month but the library is still open. Join us for lots of fun activities during the week...and you don't have to be a kid to join us!

Monday, March 26 at 10:30am: Spring Break Storytime. Join us for this all ages Storytime featuring Spring themed books and a fun project.

Tuesday, March 27 at 10:30 am: Spring Break Movie Morning. Join us for a morning showing of the animated film, Ferdinand.

Wednesday, March 28 at 1:00pm: Spring Break STEM fun. Make a peep catapult, build with our Keva planks and try other fun science and engineering related activities.

Thursday, March 29 at 1:00pm: Spring Break Crafternoon and gaming. Make some egg-cellent crafts on our last day of Spring Break fun. Plus we'll set up the Xbox for those not interested in crafting.

We're making some changes to our website and one of the new additions is a monthly calendar. Keep up with everything happening at the library at www.athenalibrary.weebly.com

Highlights of the Athena City Council Meeting

February 8, 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, Carol Speed, and Rebecca Schroeder present. Chet Sater was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and four guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Jennifer Spurgeon, Mayor of Weston, presented information on the Rural Broadband Capacity Grant they have applied for. They would like to partner with Adams, Athena and Weston; in addition to working with WTCH Link to extend fiber optics that will provide greater capacity and faster internet speeds. The grant is designed to assist rural communities extend access where broadband service is least likely to be commercially available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for people and businesses. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to write a letter of support. Jennifer will provide Nancy the necessary information.

Caledonian Games: Erik Lynde requested permission to use the park July 13-15 for the annual games, which council approved by consensus. He also requested permission to place a three-sided information kiosk in the park. After discussion, the Council asked Erik to explore placement and maintenance options of the kiosk with Public Works, then report back to council.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: The Citizen of the Year Banquet was a great success. The chamber is rebuilding and seeking new members. They would also like previous members to reactivate or renew.

Main Street Association: Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for May 5th. They are working with Delbert Durfee and Public Works on a park clean-up day. April Flatt announced they have received a \$5,000 grant for the PGG building and have adopted Highway 334 from Highway 11 through Athena's Main Street to Hunt Street.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/11/18 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items:

Reservoir Insurance: The insurance will cover both earthquake and floods, with a \$25,000 deductible. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase the flood insurance.

Historical Preservation Ordinance: This ordinance was approved on 1/12/2012, but not included in the updated codified ordinances. Due to costs associated with and restriction on having building placed on the historic register, it was recommended the city rescind the ordinance. After discussion, it was moved to rescind Historical Preservation Ordinance 2.5. Motion was seconded and approved 4-0.

Wood Playground Structure: Kim, Kenneth and Nancy are recommending removing this structure at the park due to safety concerns and liability issues. It does not pass the safety checklist and would be very costly to repair. After viewing pictures of the structure and discussion, a motion was made to have Public Works remove the structure. Motion was seconded and carried 4-0.

Union Contract Negotiations: Mayor Shafer asked for a volunteer to assist with negotiations for city employees who belong to the AFSCME Union. The contract expires 6/30/2018 and it is helpful to have negotiations complete before the budget is drafted. Pat volunteered to assist. John will schedule a meeting for March 6th if possible. .

Council Meeting Minutes Cont.

Actionable/Discussion Items: continued

Resolution 2018-03 Joint Management Agreement: This agreement between the City of Athena, Umatilla County, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will allow work on the 3rd Street Bridge to proceed. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-03. Motion carried 4-0.

Livestock Permit: Wendy Raila applied for a livestock permit for 6 chickens. A motion was made to approve the permit, was seconded, and approved 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The commission approved two permits. Bill Ezell is splitting the lot on Current Street, and Zachary Johnson is building a shop at 205 S 2nd Street.

Pool: Nancy has applied for an AWERE grant and a grant from The Ford Family Foundation. When the weather warms up the painting will be completed. Once that is finished the remainder of the fixtures can be installed, the concrete poured and fencing installed.

Becky requested flyers for lifeguards be posted, with interviews scheduled the first week in April.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird delivered additional manuals on Wednesday. Anderson Perry will be wrapping up the final paperwork in the next month.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Nancy has been working on grants this past week while Michelle is on vacation. City Hall will be closed the 19th for President's Day, and Nancy will attend the CIS Conference February 28 -March 2nd. There are two openings on the budget committee and Sally Thompson has reapplied. Announcements have been posted and citizens are encouraged to apply. Mayor Shafer will appoint from the applicants at the March 8th meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 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.

CALENDONIAN GAMES

Athena Caledonian Games has a fine opportunity developing to focus on Highland dancing---another wonderful Scottish tradition! Plans may include workshops by Caledonian friend, Casandra Humphries, a Highland dance teacher from Tri-Cities.

Facebook and web site will announce.

Caledonian also has invited the BIG IDAHO POTATO TRUCK to come to Athena for our parade and festival. They are coming! This is going to be fun.

Sue Friese 541.566.3880

TUESDAY MARKET

Please come join us at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Doubletree Restaurant where we will be discussing our upcoming Tuesday Market Season. We are hoping to be able to hold the markets every Tuesday May-Sept. Your input is needed, hope to see you there! For more information, please call Zatie Zmuda @ 541-969-4810

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February 2018 Report

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the District Office in Athena, Oregon on February 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Jeremy Lasater called the meeting to order.

Present was Secretary Elizabeth McIntyre, Treasurer Carol Kirk and Director Chrys Wernlund. At the January 29, 2018 meeting the Board appointed Chris Williams to fill the open position #3 so he took the oath of office and is now a voting Director.

Our 'run' numbers are calculated on a calendar year basis so for 2017 we covered 236 calls for service. These figures are from January 1 to June 30, 2017 for the 'old' District plus all calls from July 1 to December 31, 2017. We would like to again thank the voters for their support and all our volunteers who made this possible.

The District received a grant for \$10,000.00 from Wildhorse Foundation to help us purchase a "LUCAS" CPR machine. This equipment will continue chest compressions while a patient is being evaluated and/or transferred to and from the ambulance. The District is also researching heart monitors to replace our current equipment.

The Weston-McEwen Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive on March 16, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the W-M Gym. Please turn out and support this effort.

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