

**CITY COUNCIL**

**John Shafer, Mayor**  
**Rebecca Schroeder,**  
Comm. of Parks  
**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:  
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**CITY HALL HOURS**  
Monday – Friday  
8am - 5pm  
(open during lunch)  
**Closed**  
**all legal holidays**



**ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2017**

**PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY:**

With summer comes children on bikes, skateboards and on foot. Please slow down and watch carefully at intersections for those that might not be watching for you.

**AUGUST MEETINGS**

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

**Livestock Commission**

Tuesday 1st @ 5:30 pm

**Library Board**

Monday, 14th @ 7pm

**Planning Commission**

Wednesday, 9th @ 6:00pm

**City Council Meeting**

Thursday, 10th @ 6:00 pm

**Cemetery Meeting**

Tuesday, 15th @ 5:30 pm

Bank of Eastern Oregon is accepting donations and school supplies for our local grade schools!!

Any school supplies or donations can be dropped off at BEO in Athena!

Drop off between 7/20/2017 and 9/1/2017

Enter to Win School Backpack with supplies!  
4 winners drawn 8/18/17 1 for each school (AES, WMS, WMHS, HELIX)

No purchase necessary, you do not have to be a customer to enter!

All students are welcome!

*Danielle Pettyjohn*  
Customer Service Rep.

**CALEDONIAN NEWS**

A big thank you to City Council for the use of the park for Caledonian, 2017. Thank you for the support of the community, our faithful Guardians, advertisers and our many volunteers who maintain Athena Caledonian Games' mission. We had a good one!

Sue Friese  
Athena Caledonian Games

**HARVEST TIME!**

Wheat harvest has started which means an increase in truck and big equipment traffic. Please drive carefully!

**CITY PHONE NUMBERS**

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

**CITY OF ATHENA**

**PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY**

Due to the resignation of our dear planning commission member, Helen Miller, the planning commission now has an immediate opening to fill Helen's position for the rest of her term. The term expires December 31, 2018. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to City Hall by August 9, 2018. For more information you can contact the office at 566-3862. Thank you!

**Ambulance Calls:  
JULY 2017**

**138 RUNS TO DATE**



**FIRE SEASON IS DECLARED**

**During Fire Season:**

- **Burning Permits are required on all private forest and range lands within the Northeast Forest Protection District for Oregon. Contact your local ODF office to acquire a burning permit.**
- **Landowners who conducted burning of slash piles last fall and this past spring are encouraged to check these piles and ensure that they are completely out and all heat is gone. It is not uncommon for recently burned slash piles to have heat remaining for several months.**
- **Campfires must be DEAD OUT! Recreationists are reminded that campfires need to be attended and fully extinguished before being left. Get permission from landowner prior to starting a campfire.**



MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

**Attendance:** Mayor John Shafer called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm in the City's community room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, LaVerne Mitchell, Rebecca Schroeder, and Chet Sater present. Carol Speed was excused. Assistant City Recorder Michelle Fox and 8 guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:**

June Mazzei asked the council if some sort of speed signage could be placed on Grandview Street to slow traffic.

April Vorhauer from the Mainstreet Association addressed three topics with the council:

**PGG Building** - Asked if their Water Deposit could be refunded due to their non-profit small budget. Mayor Shafer explained that the water deposit would not need to be paid until they actually start using the water in the building.

**Block Party** - Explained they are having a Block Party on August 18 and asked if they could close Third Street from Main Street to the alley. They asked permission to have a beer garden if they could find an organization to run it. And lastly asked if the City would pay for a port-a-potty for the Block Party. A motion was made and seconded to approve the street closure, beer garden and payment for port-a-potty on August 18. Motion carried 4-0.

**Building Relationship with Council** - Asked if the Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet Association could be put on the agenda for every council meeting. Also asked for contact information from councilors for easier communication between the council and the Mainstreet Association. Mayor Shafer explained that they would be put on the agenda each month under "Business from the Public".

A concerned citizen asked if a garbage can could be placed by the bridge coming out of the park on Fifth Street due to garbage accumulating there and in the creek. Michelle will notify Humbert's to have another garbage can placed there.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/8/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:**

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve 4 tree planter boxes to be placed on Main Street. Motion carried 4-0. No trees will be planted until this fall. A cover will be put on each planter until fall to keep garbage from being placed in them.

A motion was made and seconded to approve OLCC Licenses Renewals for Athena Convenience Store, Athena One Stop, and The Doubletree Restaurant & Lounge. Motion carried 4-0.

**Planning Commission:** Revisited and approved permit #2017-06 for Jim and Becky Schroeder and approved permit # 2017-09 for Weston-McEwen High School Land Lab to build a new livestock barn at 78644 Pambrun Rd. Helen Miller submitted her resignation due to health reasons.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** Brad Baird reported the well pump station is finished. The new pump will be installed on Monday, July 17. Painting on the existing reservoir is complete. Two water line crossing will be completed within the next few weeks. All contractor work should be done by the beginning of August. The old reservoir is filled and water will be tested Monday and the reservoir put back on line early next week, assuming samples pass.



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**Pool:** Grants awarded - \$6,250.00 Wildhorse Foundation & NW Farm Credit Services \$1,500.00  
Donations - \$5,000.7

**New Business:** None

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Nancy is on vacation until July 26. Auditors will be here July 31.

**Parks & Rec:** WC Construction is in the process of new bidding process. They are hoping to start construction the end of July.

**Public Works:** Tying into well Friday. Monday the pump will be installed. Public Works will be purchasing a new riding lawn mower soon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **August 10, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

\*Minutes are subject to council approval, any corrections or additions will appear in the next newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS.....

The Athena Public Library will be **closed** Thursday morning, August 3. The library will be open 1:00-5:00pm regular hours.

Have you heard about the eclipse?  
Starting August 7, the Athena Public Library will be giving patrons eclipse viewers! FREE to the first 100 people!

OMSI, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, is coming to Weston! The Athena Public Library and the Weston Public Library are hosting the  
OMSI Portable Planetarium on  
Friday, August 18 @ 1:00pm and 6:00pm @ the Weston Memorial Hall. This FREE event is open to the public.

Athena Library Friends Association, a.k.a. ALFA, is having an Ice Cream Party @ the Athena Public Library of course; August 16, 2017 @ 6:00-7:30!  
This organization took on the task of raising money, writing grants, and building this wonderful facility. The library building is 9 years old! Support the library by becoming a member of ALFA. \$10/person will get you on our esteemed membership list.



East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District  
Medic 400  
PO Box 640, Athena, OR 97813

The final meeting of the East Umatilla County Health District Board of Trustees was held at the District office one July 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman Vickie Jackson.

Jim Marquardt moved to accept the minutes as written for the June 19, 2017 meeting. Elizabeth McIntyre seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The "Thank You Mailer" to voters was discussed.

Jim Marquardt moved to accept the Bargain and Sale Deed. Elizabeth McIntyre seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Deed will be recorded in the Umatilla County Property Records.

A motion to approve the Affidavit of Dissolution was made by Jim Marquardt and seconded by Elizabeth McIntyre. It passed unanimously. This document will be sent to the Oregon Secretary of State, Oregon Department of Revenue, the Umatilla County Clerk and the Umatilla County Assessor's Office.

Jim Marquardt moved to adjourn the final meeting at 7:50 p.m. Jeremy Lasater seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor.

The regular monthly meeting held at the District office was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman Jeremy Lasater. Also present was Treasurer Carol Kirk, Secretary Elizabeth McIntyre and Directors Vickie Jackson and Chrys Wernlund. The changeover is now complete and the Board would like to Thank the Public for their help and support.

We are presently interviewing for two new full-time paramedic/ambulance based clinicians which we hope to have on board very, very, soon.

The Board approved the purchase of an intubation 'head' and study manuals. This helps paramedics and RN's stay current on this skill. They also approved a contract with Kadlec Medical Center to service our Zoll Heart Monitors which must be calibrated annually.

The Board approved an upgrade to LED lights in the office. The current fluorescent bulbs and ballasts will be replaced with energy saving LED lights so the fixtures will be more energy efficient.

Medic #1, Medic #2 and the Rapid Response Vehicle have had their lettering changed to the new District name. Soon we will have a new sign on our building. This is an exciting time for all the communities and we look forward to serving you.

**Ambulance Runs Year to Date as of July 25, 2017- 138**

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