

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 2017

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, and Chet Sater present. Councilors Carol Speed and Rebecca Schroeder were excused. Assistant City Recorder Michelle Fox and six guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Guest Sally Thompson asked about the water and why it was causing sinks and toilets to have dark stains. Janet Wood and Richard Jaggars also shared the same concerns. Mayor Shafer turned the question over to Anderson Perry Representative, Brad Baird. Brad explained that the water coming from the new well probably contains a mineral called Manganese, which he explained is harmless to consume. Brad presented a handout "Manganese in Drinking Water" which is available at City Hall.. The Manganese water sample results were not yet available at the time of meeting. He explained that if this was the problem, there are certain measures that can easily be taken to control it. Brad continued with his Water System report. See Old Business below.

Athena Chamber of Commerce had a busy October with Fall Festival and a Membership Drive and Social. The Citizen of the Year Banquet will be January 15, 2018 at the Catholic Church at 6:00.

Main Street Association is working on finding grant opportunities and fund raising. The Christmas Tree Decorating and Lighting will be December 3, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 10/5/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 3-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2017-17 CIS Volunteer Resolution. Motion approved 3-0.

Hire Librarian: Mayor Shafer explained the hiring process which consists of a three member committee composed of one council member, one citizen of the community, and one person with knowledge in this particular field. The committee reviews the applications, conducts the interviews and makes a recommendation to the council. Councilor Sater, as the chairman of the hiring committee, reported to the council that the committee had made their decision and would like to recommend their top choice for hire with the understanding that if this person does not accept the position it would go to their number two choice. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the hiring committee. Motion approved 3-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The commission approved Permit #2017-12 - storage shed for Jerry Baker.

Pool: The outside work is almost complete, the electricity and plumbing are being installed, Gary's Custom Painting has done some painting. A walk-through is scheduled for November 20, 2017 with the City of Athena and WC Construction.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad reported that the water line crossing work will start next week, all reservoir work is complete, and all punch list work has been completed and approved by the Public Works Department. He also reviewed the project budget. They are hoping to have the Water System Project totally completed by the end of the year.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: City Hall will be Closed November 10 for Veteran's Day and November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **December 7, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, Assistant City Recorder _____