

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 2017

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 and Rebecca Schroeder present. Chet Sater and Carol Speed were excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and three guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Ami Muilenburg and Mark Aby, representing WM Booster Club, requested permission to serve alcohol in the park during Hodaka Days. They would like to continue Beer-n-Brauts for guests who normally attend the event and expect dinner. They will charge a fee for dinner, and beer will be by donation only. They will have people checking ID for the safety of minors. A motion was made, seconded, and passed 3-0 to approve the request. There will also be music from 3:30pm - 1:00 am.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 5/11/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 3-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items:

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-07 to Accept and Expense Wildhorse Grant Funds and Donations to the pool project. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-08 to Authorize Borrowing of USDA Funds to Finance the Water Project. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-09 to Accept Loan and Grant Funds from USDA for the Water Project. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-10 to Adopt the 2017-18 Budget, Make Appropriations and Impose and Categorize the Tax. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-11 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenue Sharing. Motion carried 3-0.

Planning Commission: Approved permit #2017-07 for Duane Smalley to build 30 storage units on the corner of Third & Jefferson, and permit # 2017-08 for Tom Munck to build a garage/storage shed at 204 W Garfield. They also approved updated language to the Comprehensive Plan, Planning section 9-3 pages 27-40, of City Ordinances. It was moved and seconded to approve the revisions to the comprehensive plan. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well pump station is finished. The new pump is on order and will be installed as soon as it arrives. A motion was made to approve change order # 5 to cover two additional bridge crossings and removal of the vault at the existing reservoir. Motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0. Painting on the existing reservoir is complete. The reservoir will be put back in service after the removal of the control valve. Fencing of the reservoirs and well pump station is complete and budget projections are on track. The USDA loan will close June 22nd.

Pool: Bids were due 6-8-17. WC Construction will take a week to verify numbers then present the bids to us for input. Tentative start date is July 5th. Additional grants have been submitted to NW Farm Credit Services and Blue Mountain Community Foundation. A \$6,000 donation was received from Crop Production Services, as well as a donation from the Koepke family. Thank You!!

New Business: Due to scheduling conflicts in September during the Pendleton Round-Up and the Vision conference in October, it was agreed to change the September council meeting to the 7th, and the October meeting to the 5th.

It was moved and seconded to apply for employee credit cards through Bank of Eastern Oregon for Carrie Bremer, Michelle Fox, Kenneth Faircloth, Kim King, John Reitz, and Nancy Parker. Each card will have a limit of \$3,000. Motion carried 3-0.

The city has received numerous complaints from citizens about the condition of the public sidewalk on the Koskela property. There are cords across the sidewalk, numerous items obstructing the path, and the concrete that was to be replaced has not been completed. Because we do not have a code enforcement officer, Mayor Shafer discussed the situation with the Sheriff's Department. They advised we send Koskela a certified letter giving him two weeks to rectify the situation. If he does not, the Sheriff's Department will issue a citation.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Michelle is at PDII June 11-16th. Nancy will miss the next council meeting due to vacation.

Public Works: Pictures of a planter box for the Main Street trees was distributed. Councilors are asked to stop by the City Shop and view the boxes built by Corey Thacker. Approval will be discussed at the next council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **July 13, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____