

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

**August 10, 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, Chet Sater Rebecca Schroeder, and Carol Speed present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and 8 guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:** The Athena Chamber of Commerce reported on new members and activities over the last month. They will also have a Photo Booth at the Main Street Association Block Party. Main Street Association reported on work happening on the PGG building, the upcoming Block Party they are sponsoring, and plans to attend the Oregon Main Street conference October 4-6. Charlotte McGuire & June Mazzei both expressed continuing concerns about speeding on Grandview Street. They would like to see more patrols, a radar trailer, and speed signs put up. Mayor Shafer again encouraged them to notify dispatch each time there is an occurrence, as well as getting vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 7/13/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:** Applications were received from Gene Wright & Christina McBean for the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Mayor Shafer appointed Gene Wright to the position, and noted that if there is another vacancy he will appoint Christina McBean to fill that position.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-12 - Approve Special City Allotment Application, which is for street repairs funded by ODOT. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-13 to Accept and Expense Grant Funds from Umatilla County Board of Commissioners and Economic Development Grant Committee. The money will be used to finish the growth report section of the Planning portion of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Corp from Oregon State University made a presentation detailing what the benefits of a Umatilla County 4-H, Extension & Agriculture Research Service District would be. Umatilla County Commissioners have approved an order to initiate the formation of the Umatilla County Extension Service District and need Cities County wide to vote to approve or reject the formation of the district. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-14 - Approve Umatilla County to Initiate Formation of Umatilla County Extension Service District. Motion carried 5-0.

**Planning Commission:** Permit # 2017-10 for Kurt Rosenberg to build a shop was reviewed. Motion was made, seconded, and approved 4-0.

Permit 2017-11 for Duane Smalley to combine two tax lots was also reviewed. Motion was made, seconded, and approved 4-0. He will also be changing the orientation of the building from facing Third Street to Jefferson Street due to state building code requirements. The commission gave Nancy permission to sign the new request when it comes in so he does not need to wait another month for another meeting. The Commission also gave Nancy approval to sign building permits when they are a resubmittal from a previously approved permit.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** Brad Baird reported the well pump station is finished. The new pump has been installed and preliminary test are being run. Once final testing is complete the well will go online. The two water line crossing materials have arrived and are scheduled to be complete in the next few weeks.

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**Pool:** The building permit has been issued and construction started. A donation of \$4,000 was received from Northwest Grain Growers

**New Business:** The National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is conducting a major study of the health of person living in the United States. Umatilla County has been selected as one of the survey locations during the current survey, running August 30 - November 1. Interviewers will be calling on designated households throughout the area to obtain the demographic information used to identify and select people for the examination. If you would like more information about the survey please stop by City Hall to pick up a pamphlet, or call 1-800-452-6115.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Auditors were here July 31-August 3<sup>rd</sup> and it appeared to go well.

Nancy will be on vacation 8/14-19, and Michelle 8/21-25<sup>th</sup>.

At the Athena Fish Passage Project meeting permission was requested to remove one of the trees in the park that will be in the way. After discussion and explanation it was moved, seconded and approved 5-0 to grant permission to remove the tree. Nancy was instructed to inquire using the value of the tree as part of the city's match funds.

Nancy reminded everyone the September meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and the October meetings on the 5<sup>th</sup>. They are a week early due to scheduling conflicts with Round-Up and Nancy & Michelle attending a conference October 10-13<sup>th</sup>.

**Library:** Mayor Shafer appointed Jeffrey Capps and Kate Fairchild to the Library Board.

**Public Works:** The American Legion requested that planters not be placed in front of the legion hall. Placement of the planters will begin this fall.

**Fire:** Councilor Sater reminded us fire season is here and to be extremely careful. He also noted there was a great response to the fires in Weston and people there were most appreciative.

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

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_