

CITY COUNCIL

John Shafer, Mayor
Rebecca Schroeder,
Commissioner 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:

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday
8am - 5pm
(open during lunch)

**Closed all holidays
all legal holidays**

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER **JUNE 2018**



JUNE MEETINGS

*All meetings are at City Hall unless
otherwise indicated.*

Livestock Commission

As Needed

Library Board

Monday 4th @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 13th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 14th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 19th @ 5:30 pm

CHAMBER NEWS.....

The Chamber is celebrating summer with a Community Night Out!

Bring the family and your dancing shoes to Main Street on Friday June 29th from 6pm -10pm.

LIVE MUSIC! The Wasteland Kings, from La Grande and The Coyote Kings, from Walla Walla will each have a turn on the stage during the evening.

SHOP LOCAL! We are having Tuesday Market on a Friday night - Local vendors will be selling their goods during the event. Contact Katie Zmuda 541-969-4810, if you're interested in being a vendor.

KIDS AREA! Craft table and chalk for decorating the street available for the kiddos.

DOG OWNERS

**YOUR DOGS MUST BE LICENSED! PLEASE BE A
RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

**School will be out soon! Please drive safe and watch for
children playing !**

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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

HODAKA DAYS

June 21-24

Hodaka Only Events:

*Hodaka Parade 1:00 (Sat)

*Bike Show

Events for all vintage bikes:

*Vendor Booths

*Swap Meet

*Awards Banquet & BBQ

*Bad Rock Reunion Trail
Ride

*Open MX Track Play

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS.....

Our summer reading theme this year is Libraries Rock! We'll be celebrating all summer with fun activities and reading challenges for all ages. Think you're too old or too young for Summer Reading? Not so! We have programs, reading challenges and prizes for everyone, birth through adulthood!

Kids 0 through 5 years old can have books read to them and have the opportunity to earn great prizes sponsored by the Ready 2 Learn program. Plus, this year we're continuing our regular Storytime throughout the summer. Bring your preschoolers and early readers to the library Monday mornings at 10:30 for stories, songs and fun.

Readers ages 6-12 can keep a reading log throughout the summer and have a chance to win lots of fun prizes. Read 4 books and earn a certificate good for one free swim at the Athena Pool (sponsored by the City of Athena), read 8 books and earn a Libraries Rock! T-shirt, read 12 books and earn an entry into a drawing for 2 tickets to see Mary Poppins at Elgin Opera House (sponsored by the Athena Library Board) and read 16 books and earn an entry into a drawing for a family swim pass good for summer 2019!

Readers age 13 and up can pick up a reading bingo at the library. Read books in 4 of the categories and earn a card good for a free drink at the Sugar Shack, read 8 of the categories and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card (both prizes sponsored by Athena Library Friends Association).

In addition, we have great programs every week.

- June 13: Rich Glauber Music In Action at 1:30pm
- June 14: Crafternoon: CD Art at 3:00pm
- June 18: Movie Monday: The Greatest Showman at 6:30pm
- June 20: Milton-Freewater's Ukuladies at 1:30pm
- June 21: Crafternoon: DIY Guitar at 3:00pm
- June 25: Movie Monday: Mary Poppins at 6:30pm
- June 27: Oregon Rocks! Geology program at 10:30am
- June 28: Crafternoon: Rock Painting at 3:00pm



MINUTES OF THE MAY 11th REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

May 10, 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, Chet Sater, and Rebecca Schroeder present. Carol Speed was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and five guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Athena Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring Community Night Out on Friday June 29 from 5-10 pm. They requested and were granted permission by a vote of 4-0 to close Third Street. They have started Yard of the Month again, and are implementing a springtime photo challenge. April McKenna also noted the slide on the small playground has a large crack in it. Nancy will have Public Works look at it to see if it can be repaired, replaced, or needs to be removed.

Main Street Association thanked the city for sponsoring the lunch for the Clean Sweep. It went well, with over 35 volunteers participating. They have implemented fund raising at Tuesday Markets, and plan to do quarterly clean-up for their Adopt A Highway project. Members expressed safety concerns about the openings on the planter boxes on Main Street. Nancy will contact Christina McBean at Advanced Tarps to see about coverings for the planter boxes until the trees are planted this fall. Questions were also raised about liability since the sidewalks are the owners' responsibility. Nancy will get clarification from our insurance company and report back.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/12/18 regular meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made, seconded and carried 4-0 to approve Resolution 2018-08 to Accept and Expense Grants and Donations for the Swimming Pool Project.

Carol Speed requested permission to have alcohol in the park June 3rd. It was moved and seconded to allow the request. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the closure of City Hall June 18-20. Michelle will be at Professional Development training for the week and Nancy will be in Salem for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant selection committee meeting.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The Third Street Bridge construction permit has been approved, and a written report was submitted from Richard Christian. The public comment period will end May 22nd, with no comments received to date. The Athena Growth Report was approved. Council agreed to review the report and will vote on it at the next meeting.

Pool: The interior is almost complete, with only the partitions in the restrooms to be installed. It looks great!! The mechanical room and the propane tanks have been painted the same colors as the pool building. They now blend into the surrounding area and look very nice.

Old Business: Water Project - Brad Baird submitted a list of paperwork to be complete this week, as well as items to be completed and presented at the June council meeting; which he will attend.

New Business: Mayor Shafer read a letter from Bob Johns concerning the speed limit change from 50 to 55 on Highway 11. Bob listed numerous safety concerns with the higher speeds, especially relating to traffic from the schools and the busses. Council agreed by consensus to take these concerns to the school board and see if they would be willing to partner with the city to have the speed limit changed back.

Councilor Pat Gibson inquired about a residence that has been converted to a duplex but is only being charged the single residence water rate. He also suggested the city hire a Code Enforcement Officer to assist in cleaning up the city. The purpose would be to educate citizens on City Ordinances rather than to be punitive or as a revenue source; although both could happen if action is not taken by the property owner.



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Councilor Schroeder would like community input before anything is decided. Nancy will contact Adams, Weston, and Pilot Rock for information on what they do.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Parks & Recreation: Becky expressed her appreciation for citizens bringing their concerns to the council's attention.

Library: They will be having a book sale during the city wide yard sale. Kristin presented a list of activities for the summer, which includes movie nights, crafternoon, music, and special reading programs. She outlined the Summer Reading prize plan, and requested the city donate a grand prize of a family swim pass for 2019. It was moved, seconded and approved to donate the Grand Prize Family Swim Pass for 2019. There will also be an Adult Summer Reading program with great prizes ...stay tuned!! The library board is reviewing their policies and will provide council an updated copy for their approval when complete.

Administration: Nancy will not be at the June 14th council meeting as she will be at Professional Development. Chet Sater will also be absent at that meeting. Nancy read an invitation to the FFA Banquet on May 24th @ 6:00 pm. She also reminded everyone of the budget committee meeting May 16th @ 6:30. Michelle and Nancy are assisting the City of Weston with training as Weston transitions to a new city recorder.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 14, 2018 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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

**Public Budget Hearing
City of Athena**

A public meeting of the Athena City Council will be held on June 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm at 215 S Third Street, Athena, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as approved by the Athena Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 302 E Currant Street Athena Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period July 1, 2018-June 30,2019. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

TUESDAY MARKET

Come to downtown Athena every Tuesday evening of the month from May-October to shop local vendors, eat great food and listen to music.

The market is now is Duggar Park

For more information on being a vendor, providing music and entertainment or promoting your organization, please contact Katie Zmuda at 541.696.4811 or online at athenatuesdaymarket@yahoo.com. Like us on Facebook!

***** NO VENDOR FEE*****

***Public Budget Hearing**

Athena Cemetery Maintenance Association #1

A public meeting of the Athena Cemetery Maintenance District #1 will be held on **June 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm** at 215 S Third Street, Athena, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Bi-Annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as approved by the Athena Cemetery Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 302 E Currant Street Athena Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an Bi-Annual budget period July 1, 2018- June 30, 2020. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.



Thank you!!

To all our citizens who participated in the City Wide Clean up .

A special thank you to CPS, Mainstreet Association and those of you who donated your trucks to help haul garbage to the dump.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

WE APPRECIATE ALL WHO DONATED THEIR TIME!!

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

The city of Athena needs your input. The City is researching the idea of hiring a part-time code enforcement officer to help enforce our city ordinances. We are looking for your input to see if the community is open to this idea. Please let us know what you think. You can contact City Hall at 541-566-3862.

East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District

Medic 400

May 2018

The regular monthly meeting was held at the District office located at 431 #. Main Street in Athena, Oregon. Directors attending were Chris Williams, Elizabeth McIntyre, Carol Kirk, Chrys Wernlund and Jeremy Lasater. Staff present were Administrator Jeff Rost and Donna Grimes with Paramedic Frank Iovino and Rachele Roggiero, RN.

The minutes from the April 19, 2018 regular meeting and the notes from the May 3, 2018 Special Meeting were approved as corrected. The April 2018 Treasurer's Report and May 2018 bills to be paid were approved.

The Board had received a bid form Gordon's Electric to repair and upgrade our building sign in the amount of \$1232.00. They also received a bid to change the sign panels and lettering on the entrance doors from Creative signs in the amount of \$1025.00 for a total of \$2257.00.

The Board voted to accept the bids and proceed with the sign work as soon as the City was contacted about the tree removal in front of the sign. The City was planning to remove the tree this fall after the leaves were gone. If we needed the tree removed sooner, they could do it anytime.

Chairman Jeremy Lasater requested that the Board review the District's policy regarding prohibiting District employees from serving on the Board of Directors. The Board agreed to table the matter for further discussion and consideration. Currently, the District's policy is derived from ORS 440.330 (6).

The first draft of the budget was presented to the Board and they voted to keep the 3 Paramedic/RN positions and add an Administrator/Paramedic position. The Budget Hearing is set for June 21, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office and the public is encouraged to attend.

The District has responded to 101 calls for service as of May 30, 2018.

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