

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

November 8, 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 Becky Schroeder present. Carol Speed was excused. Assistant City Recorder Michelle Fox, Librarian Kristin Williams and six guests were also in attendance. Mayor Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Dave Baty: Helix Fire Chief and acting Fire Chief for the East Umatilla County Fire Department presented a proposal for an Inter-Governmental Agreement for joining the service providing forces of the Athena Volunteer Fire department with the Helix Fire Department, East Umatilla County Fire District, and the East Umatilla County Health District. This would strictly be for Administrative Services only at this time. Dave explained the advantages to safety, training, and service for all involved. Many questions were asked by public and councilors. The council feels very positive about this but would like to hear from our Fire Chief, John Reitz before signing on to agreement.

Main Street Association: Brenda Vorhauer reported on the Main Street Association. The Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day was a success. They had 11 volunteers and picked up 18 bags of garbage. They will be having a fund raiser at the Holiday Bazaar. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 2nd starting with making decorations at 4:00 and the lighting of the tree to follow.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Katie Zmuda reported on the Chamber business. They welcomed Michelle Ward as their newest member of the Chamber. Membership renewals are starting to come in for next year. The chamber social was a success with 12 people in attendance. Upcoming events include a ribbon cutting ceremony that will be held for the new hair salon on November 17th at 10:00 am. The Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Athena Elementary School on Saturday, Dec 1st. The date of the Citizen of the Year Banquet has been changed to February 18th which will be held at the Athena Christian Church.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 10/11/18 regular meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable Items:

Planning Commission Bylaws: The Planning Commission would like to make a revision to Section 2A of their By-Laws which currently states they will hold "12 regular monthly meetings." The revision would state they will hold "monthly meetings as necessary". A motion was made and seconded to approve the change to the Athena Planning Commission By-laws. Motion passed 4-0.

Approve Resolution 2018-19 – Pool Cover Purchase: A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-19 to approve the purchase of a new swimming pool cover. Motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: No Planning Commission meeting was held this month.

Old Business: **Third Street Bridge:** According to Mike Lambert from the Confederated Tribes Fisheries Program, the bridge repair project has been postponed until September of 2019 due to contractor issues.

New Business:

Elections: Election results are in. The vacant council positions will be filled as follows:

Position #1 - Wayne Kostur

Position #3 - Carol Speed

Position #5 - Sally Thompson

At the December Council Meeting, Mayor John Shafer will be resigning his Mayor position to begin his new venture as a Umatilla County Commissioner. At that time, Council President Becky Schroeder will take over as Mayor to finish out Mayor Shafer's term. And lastly, a new council person will be appointed (by council majority) to then fill Councilor Schroeder's position for the remainder of her term. Anyone interested in filling this vacancy will need to write a letter of interest to the Council.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Shafer reviewed the Umatilla County Sheriff's report with the council. 86 incidents this month.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Fire: Working with Dave Baty on the IGA

Library: Library is going full speed ahead. Kristin just returned from a district wide training, crafternoons at the library continues to be very popular, Kristin is also taking a professional development class.

Administration: The audit is complete. Everything went very smooth. The City offices will be closed Monday, November 12 for Veteran's Day and will close at noon on November 21 for the Thanksgiving weekend.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **December 13, 2018 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, CMC, Assistant City Recorder _____