

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2018



CITY COUNCIL

John Shafer, Mayor

Rebecca Schroeder,
Comm of Parks

Chet Sater,
Comm of Fire Services

Carol Speed,
Comm of Public Works

LaVerne Mitchell
Comm of Administration

Pat Gibson,
Comm of Library

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Library Board
Monday, 3rd @ 5:30pm

Planning Commission
Wednesday, 12th @ 6:00pm

City Council
Thursday, 13th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery
Tuesday, 18th @ 5:30

TIME TO PACK YOUR WATER METERS

Winter is just around the corner and the weather is changing quickly, so now is the time to pack your water meter with a plastic bag full of insulation in the form of leaves, plastic peanuts, or newspaper until Spring!



December Events at the Library.....

Happy Holidays!

We have lots of fun things planned this December.

December 1 from 10-11 am we're having a Cookie Exchange. Bring 5 dozen of your favorite cookies and swap with other attendees!

December 2 at 4:00 pm is the ALFA Annual Meeting. Come to the library to hear all about ALFA's activities and plans for the year, enjoy some refreshments and a fun trivia game.

December 6 at 3:00 is our regular Crafternoon and we'll be making Christmas Ornaments

December 12 from 4-6 pm Santa will be at the library! We'll have a photographer available to take those cute pics and Weston-McEwen Lions Club members will have a surprise for the kids

December 13 at 3:00 is our regular Crafternoon and we'll be making Pinecone Christmas Trees.

December 20 at 3:00 during Crafternoon we'll be making Sock Snowmen.

December 27 at 3:00 during Crafternoon we'll be making New Year's Eve Noisemakers and Time Capsules.

The Library will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. Thanks for all your support in 2018!

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

9th Annual Athena Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 1st from 9am – 3 pm at the Athena Elementary School.

To reserve your space, contact April McKenna @ 541-310-9557 or on the Facebook event: 2018 Athena Holiday Bazaar. Santa will be visiting again this year from 12-2 and the winners of the Elementary School's Coloring Contest are awarded. Hot breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria all day. Community members and holiday shoppers Like/Follow the Facebook event to preview vendor specials, as well as current bazaar information as we get closer to the event!

CITY COUNCIL POSITION VACANCY

Congratulations to the newly elected City Council Members, Wayne Kostur for Position #1, Carol Speed for Position #3, Sally Thompson for Position #5. December 13th will be Mayor John Shafer's last council meeting as he will be starting his new adventure as a County Commissioner on January 1. Council President Becky Schroeder will fill John Shafer's term of office as Mayor. Becky's council position will be vacant and the council will appoint a new council person at the December meeting to fill the remainder of her term. If you are interested in serving on the City Council please submit a letter of interest to City Hall by Dec 6, 2018. For any questions, please call 541-566-3862.

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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.

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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.

East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District Medic 400

November 2018

The November 15th meeting held at the District office in Athena was called to order by Chairman Chrys Wernlund. Directors present were Treasurer Carol Kirk and Secretary Elizabeth McIntyre. Director Chris Williams was absent. The first order of business was the swearing in of Katie Brewer of Weston, who was appointed to fill the vacant position #5. The Board would like to thank all those that applied.

The minutes were approved from the October 17, 2018 meeting. The October 2018 Treasurers' Report was accepted, and the November 2018 bills were approved for payment. Under Old Business the upcoming Christmas party to be held on December 8 in Weston was discussed. Both new heart monitors have arrived, and the staff is getting trained on their use, so they can be placed into service. Thank You to the AWERE Grant and the Adams Community Benefit Plan for the funds to purchase these new monitors.

The Board moved to contract with RHB, LLC CPAs to conduct the Audit Review for FY 2017-2018. The Audit Review needs to be turned into the State Auditor by the end of December.

Resolution 2018-5 was passed by the Board which allows Administration Mark Moore to work with a committee of representatives from the Helix Rural Fire Protection District, the City of Athena and the East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District. This committee is working towards the establishment of an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between the four entities. There will be a public meeting on December 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Hall in Weston to discuss the process with a representative of Special Districts Association of Oregon.

The District has a new website at www.eucaahd.org for information and a list of upcoming events. The District has responded to 239 calls for service in 2018.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Save the Date!

The 2019 Citizens and Business of the Year Banquet will be held on February 18, 2019 at the Athena Christian Church at 6pm. Nomination forms are available at the Post Office, City Hall and you can email the Chamber to request a form:

athenachamber@gmail.com

Christmas Lighting Contest:

The Chamber would like to invite the community to light up Athena with holiday spirit this year with a Christmas Light contest. There will be 3 residence categories:

Traditional, Religious and Chevy Chase

There is also an award for Best Business!

If you have a nomination, contact the Chamber at athenachamber@gmail.com or text/phone 541-969-4810, Katie Zmuda.

Winners will be announced at the December Chamber meeting, December 27th at the Athena Library, 6pm.

City Hall Closures

Athena City Hall, Public Works and Library will be closed December 24th & 25th for Christmas.

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