

CITY COUNCIL

John Shafer, Mayor
Rebecca Schroeder,
Parks & Recreation
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 legal holidays

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017



FEBRUARY MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, 7th @ 5:30 pm

Library Board

Monday, 13th @ 7:00 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 8th @ 6:00pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 9th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 21st @ 5:30 pm

OUR SWIMMING POOL NEEDS YOU!!!

The City has work hard the last few years to repair and improve our swimming pool, and has made great progress! Oregon Parks and Recreation Department awarded us a \$369,500 grant to build a new bathhouse. The total projected cost is \$462,000 and the city is required to match 20%, or \$92,500. While we have budgeted \$50,000, we need your help raising the additional funds to complete the project. Now it's your turn. If you, your children or grandchildren have enjoyed the refreshing waters of the pool we are asking for your support. Donations up to \$250 are tax deductible. Please feel free to call City Hall with questions or stop by to see the bathhouse plans.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Athena First Citizens and Young Adult Winners

FIRST CITIZENS:

Paula Babb: Is a dedicated mother and grandmother. She is a hands on member of the community involved in promoting and improving Athena. An avid gardener, Paula has taken on the responsibility of planting, watering and caring for the main street planters that beautify our town. She is actively involved in promoting and improving Athena. She is involved with the Tuesday Market, organizes the annual city-wide yard sale, the Fall Festival and Car Show. Paula works hard to keep a well-stocked and reasonably priced selection in her store for the town's people. No child ever goes out of her store empty handed for lack of money. Thank you Paula for all you do for our community!

John Shafer: John is noticed first and foremost as a family man, volunteering for Cub Scouts, coaching tennis and being a 4-H leader. He is chairman of the ambulance board for East Umatilla County Health District and serves on the AWERE Foundation. John has been a City Councilman and is currently serving his second term as Mayor of Athena. Not only has John done so much for the City of Athena but he is teaching the next generation to do the same. Thank you John for all you do for our community!

YOUNG ADULTS :

Kellen Faircloth: is a Senior with a 4.05 GPA. Kellen is a member of the National Honor Society and has played basketball, tennis, and cross country. Academically has taken honors classes and college courses where he has acquired 50+ college credits. He has worked with the annual Thanksgiving dinners, done yard work for the elderly citizens, and pet sits. He is active in his church community and has done work at the Cove Christian Youth camp. He attended a mission trip to Arizona where he helped in a group home for adults with disabilities.

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**Ambulance Calls:
JANUARY 2017**

ILLNESS TRAUMA

Year -to- date:

NO INFORMATION



ATHENA CITY HALL

WILL BE CLOSED Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of President's Day.



Highlights of the Athena City Council Meeting

January 12, 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 and Becky Schroeder present. Councilors Carol Speed was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and four guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Terry Rowan swore in Mayor Shafer, who then swore in Councilors Pat Gibson & Rebecca Schroeder.

Business from the Public: Sheriff Rowan gave the Sheriff's report, thanked the City for their business and asked for questions or concerns regarding coverage. A discussion on dogs ensued.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Schroeder moved*, and the motion was seconded by Gibson, to approve the minutes of the 12/8/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor Schroeder was appointed Council President for the next two years. Councilor *Schroeder moved* to list the city owned property at 124 E High with Jerry Baker of Coldwell Bankers for \$18,500, with an 8% commission. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and carried 4-0.

Councilor *Gibson moved* to approve Resolution 2017-01 - Annual Water Rates, which was seconded by Sater and passed 4-0.

Councilor *Mitchell moved* to approve Resolution 2017-02 - Annual Sewer Rates. The motion was seconded by Gibson and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Schroeder motioned* to purchase a 1989 John Deere 672B Road Grader for \$36,700 delivered from Reddig Equipment in Kalispell Montana. Mitchell seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

A letter was received from Rolinda Burd, property owner at 353 E College, requesting the City mandate cleanup of property at 345 E College owned by Carlton & Laura Pease. After a long discussion it was agreed Nancy would write a letter to the Pease's informing them of various ordinance violations and requesting the property be brought into compliance. The letter should include options to help alleviate problems and offer solutions. She will include a copy of the Ordinance and send a duplicate copy to Mrs. Burd.

Councilor *Schroeder moved* to approve a business and temporary liquor license for Athena Convenience Store LLC. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 4-0.

Planning Commission: A building permit was approved for the pool bathhouse.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported all the new water main lines are installed and service connections finished. The remaining work going forward is above ground. The well pump station is built and weathered in. The budget is in good shape with \$80,000 - \$90,000 remaining in the contingency fund.

New Business: Kylie McClintock, the City's auditor from Cockburn & McClintock presented the 2015-16 audit. It was a very clean audit, as usual, and she expressed appreciation for how hard Nancy & Michelle work to be in compliance and assist the auditors.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Mayor Shafer reported he and Nancy attended a grant workshop sponsored by the county and came away with great information and new resources.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **February 9, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

The minutes are subject to council approval, any corrections or additions will appear in the next news letter.



WESTON FOOD PANTRY

The Weston Food Pantry is open each month on the Saturday after the 3rd Friday, located on Franklin Street, behind the Weston City Hall. They have wonderful food supplies for folks in need. If you have any question, call Lion Ellyn Johnson at 541-566-3987.



East Umatilla County Health District
Medic 400



PO BOX 640, ATHENA, OR 97813

The East Umatilla County Health District made 193 runs in 2016. The ballot measures were successful and on June 30, 2017 at midnight the current District will cease to operate. All equipment, property, assets and accounts receivable will be transferred by resolution to the new District. On July 1, 2017 the East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District will be formally up and running. The Hermiston Fire District donated a 2006 Ford van to the EUCHD and it will be stocked and stationed in Helix.

The Board for the new District will consist of Vicki Jackson of Weston, Elizabeth McIntyre of Athena, and Chrys Wernlund of Helix. There are two open positions that are open. As soon as the County sends the 'Order of Formation', the elected directors will meet to be sworn in, elect officers and number the board positions. Tax monies for the new District will not arrive until November of 2017 so the Board will have to finance operations until the funds arrive. We are also waiting on the Tax Assessors office to calculate the amount we will receive in taxes so a budget can be adopted by June 30, 2017. The new District hopes to hire a second paramedic who will serve as the Training/Supply Officer.

The next meeting of the East Umatilla County Health District will be February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the District office and the public is encouraged to attend.

First Citizens Continued....

Young Adults:

Sara Von Borstel is a Senior with a 4.18 GPA. Sara is active with school activities and committees. Member of the National Honor Society, plays volleyball and basketball, lettering in both sports. Academically Sara is always striving to take the upper level classes in preparation for college. She has 40+ credits from BMCC. Sara is another student who helps out in her community also. She participates in Operation Shoe Box, helping elderly citizens with yard and garden work, weeding and mowing. She sits with her elderly neighbors allowing their caregivers to run errands. Sara has a summer job operating a combine.

Michael Shafer is a Senior with a 4.23 GPA. Michael wrote grants in the amount of \$35,000 his freshman year to provide iPads to all students at the high school. He is the ASB President and is both a FFA and 4-H member. He is also a 4-H Ambassador. Michael has been to multiple national conferences and leadership camps, lettered in tennis and earned the C.H. Simpson Award for being a hard worker. He attended the Odd Fellows Youth Program to the United Nations, attended Cornell University Summer College program, and the US Youth Senate Program where he was state runner-up. Academically Michael has challenged himself and will also be graduating with an AAOT degree in June from BMCC.

Congratulations to all these outstanding citizens and their amazing achievements. They definitely make our city a better place!



Library Services

Closed Monday February 20, 2017 for Presidents Day

Photocopies: 10 cents/page

Fax: \$1.00/page

Currently unable to receive fax.

Printer: 25 cents/page

CALEDONIAN GAMES

An Athena Caledonian Games Trust Fund account has been created with the Blue Mountain Community Foundation so that our monies can earn greater interest. Donations to the Athena Caledonian Games Trust Fund would help the Games follow its mission to maintain the Games and to promote our Scottish tradition in Athena. To grow, perpetuate and maintain the stability of the Games, please donate to the Caledonian Trust Fund. The Games committee still encourages and needs the donations of the Guardians, who promote the Games with operating funds. If you have questions, call 541-566-3880. Donations for Guardian (starting at \$50) and/or for Trust Fund may be sent to: Athena Caledonian Games, P O Box 161 Athena, OR 97813.



Triangle Little League Registration

Baseball/Softball season is right around the corner! Kids interested in playing Softball, Baseball, or T-Ball need to sign-up at one of the following Registration Nights. Parents need to bring player's Birth Certificate and Proof of Residency documents (options: parent: driver's license, gas or electric bill, car registration and/or insurance, tax bill and/or rental agreement). Completed registration and documentation can also be mailed to PO Box 204, Athena, OR 97813. Please contact Dylan Pettyjohn at 541-969-2356 or email DANIELLEPETTYJOHN@gmail.com with any questions. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help: umpire, maintain the fields (Adams & Athena), work

in the snack shack, coach, etc. If you or someone you know is interested please attend a registration night or email DANIELLEPETTYJOHN@gmail.com.

Feb. 21st 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Helix School Library

Feb. 22nd: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Athena Elementary School Library

Feb. 23rd: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Weston Middle School Library

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