

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

CITY PHONE

NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862
City Shop 566-0228
Library 566-2470
Emergency 911

**Non-Emergency Sheriff
Dispatch 541-966-3651**

Ambulance Calls:
NO INFO AVAILABLE
FEBRUARY 2017
RUNS
ILLNESS TRAUMA

Year -to- date:

TOTAL:



ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2017

MARCH 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

MARCH 20TH IS THE DATE!

Yes, if Old Man Winter will cooperate, the Public Work's crew will start reading water meters in March. Please have your meter unpacked by March 20th. Each customer will be charged \$10 for each meter that is not cleaned out by this date. Thanks!
City Hall Staff

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

CORRECTION

The City of Athena would like to apologize to Kellen Fairchild, one of this year's Athena Youth Citizen's of the Year. Kellen's last name was mistakenly written as Faircloth. Kellen we are sorry for this error and did not mean in any way to take away from your outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations again to Kellen Fairchild!

ATHENA BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Athena City Council is seeking citizens to serve a three year term on the Athena Budget Committee. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to Athena City Hall by 5:00 pm March 8th. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 541-566-3862

LIBRARY NEWS....

A ring was found at the Athena Public Library. Identify to claim.

Wondering what to do with old scenic pictures of the City of Athena and surrounding area? The library can copy or scan them for our collection. What did Athena look like in the 30's and 40's, 50's, & 60's? Help us find out! (More Library News on Page 3)

Weston-McEwen High School Baseball Schedule

March 16	@ Mac-Hi	3:30
March 25	@ Stanfield	1:00
March 28	@ Riverside Tournament	TBD
March 29	@ Riverside Tournament	TBD
April 8	Pilot Rock	11:00
April 11	Sherman	2:00
April 15	@ Heppner	11:00
April 18	Dufur	2:00
April 25	@ Union	2:00
April 29	@ Culver	11:00
May 6	Elgin	11:00
May 13	@ Grant Union	11:00
May 16	District #4 vs. District #3	
May 20	District Play-offs	
May 24	1st Round State Play-offs	
May 26	State Quarter Finals	
May 30	State Semi-Finals	
June 2	State Finals	

Highlights of the Athena City Council Meeting

February 9, 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 and Becky Schroeder present. Councilors Chet Sater and Carol Speed were excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and two guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: None

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Mitchell moved*, and the motion was seconded by Gibson, to approve the minutes of the 1/12/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 3-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Resolution 2017-03 - Sale of Surplus Property, the F-1500 Huber Road Grader, with a minimum bid of \$1,500. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 3-0.

Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Resolution 2017-04 - To Restore Recreational Immunity, which was seconded by Mitchell and approved 3-0.

Kim King requested permission to purchase a spare pump costing \$8,434 for the Waste Water System. Due to heavy usage, he is concerned a pump may break down and this would put extra pressure on the one functioning pump. Schroeder moved to approve the pump purchase; a second was made by Mitchell and approved 3-0.

Planning Commission: Permit #2017-02 for Carol Judkins to build a new home was approved.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported Goodman & Mehlenbacher will be back in the next few weeks to wrap up the remaining well items and restoration. Work should resume on the reservoir next week, weather permitting. The reservoir site has received land use approval with no issues during the review process. Building permits have been submitted and are approved. Councilor Mitchell made a motion to approve change order #2 for \$18,601.98, to cover costs of the reservoir contractor leaving and returning. Motion was seconded by Schroeder and passed 3-0.

Pool: Documents were submitted to the Hermiston Plan Center and Architect Mark Seder expressed numerous parties were showing interest and considering bidding.

1-17 One bid was received from Wellens Farwell, Inc. for \$846,000 - well above our budget of \$462,000. The bid was rejected.

1-23 Nancy discussed concerns with Seder and he was unsure why more people did not bid, but would contact a few. He also suggested we meet with a couple of contractors and look at Value Engineering.

1-30 Kenneth went to the plan center to pick up copies of plans, which we had to purchase. He spoke with numerous contractors and plan center personnel. The standard response was the plans were difficult to understand and drawings not professional (hand drawn). Kenneth called Seder to express displeasure and request a meeting.

2-1 Kenneth, Kim & Nancy met with Seder and Corey Thacker to discuss plans and options.

Thacker expressed concern that the plans were not adequate, hard to read and not detailed. Seder said they met industry standards and hand drawings are not out of the norm. Seder also explained what Design Build means - the contractor designs and builds the electrical or plumbing system, rather than the architect designing it.

Due to unfamiliarity with term design build, the City feels this was not explained at the beginning of the contract and contractors in this area are not as familiar with the term. This caused confusion in the bidding process and led some contractors not to bid or prices to be inflated.

2-2 Kenneth, Kim, Nancy, & Michelle met with Seder and Derek from WC Construction. Derek expressed concerns the plans did not meet wind structure code, and areas that were not in compliance with ADA standards. Seder felt the wind standards were fine, and would check on ADA requirements. After the meeting Derek contacted Kenneth and requested a meeting on Friday, to include Keith Barnes, the General Manager of WC Construction.

2-3 Kenneth, Kim, Nancy, & Michelle met with Derek Howard & Keith Barnes from WC Construction. Due to numerous questions, WC had an independent architect review the plans. He noted 12 ADA violations and other areas of concern.

Council Meeting Minutes Cont.

City employees felt the project should be terminated and started over. This would void the contract with Seder Architecture. They are not comfortable going forward with plans that may or may not meet code. They do not feel he has listened to concerns about project costs, location of building and other issues; including delay in getting plans to the plan center to allow sufficient time for bidding and awarding of contracts that would allow the project to be completed by June 1, 2017. They are not confident in his abilities to best serve the City's interests.

After a lengthy discussion, and with input from City Engineer Brad Baird concerning advantages of CMGC project management, Councilor Schroeder moved to terminate the Bathroom project; Parker will notify Seder Architecture and ask for a partial refund due to existing issues; and the city will go forward using the CMGC approach. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 3-0.

Scott Marshall from Straightline Architecture submitted a Proposal of Services, as well as a Statement of Qualifications. Dave Krumbein from Krumbein Engineering & Gary Kopperud from Kopperud Drafting & Design are interested in a joint proposal and will get back to us next week. Councilors present were very impressed with Straightline Architecture. Parker will examine other proposals and make a selection.

New Business: The Employee Handbook is under review by Michelle & Nancy, which they hope to present to council in the coming months.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: The USDA audit review was approved. Parker reported she is applying for a grant from the Umatilla County Commissioners Economic Development Fund. She is sending out donation request letters. A sample of the letter and a template for the Wall of Honor for donor names was circulated. Crop Production Services has committed \$5,000 and we have received two individual donations totaling \$958.

Mayor Shafer congratulated Public Works on the amazing job they have done clearing city streets this winter. He has heard nothing but good things and wanted to let them know how much they are appreciated!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **March 9, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Library News Continued.....

What: Basic Genealogy Class

Facilitated by Deborah Johns and Kayla Durfee

When: March 11 @ 9am-12noon

Where: Athena Christian Church on the corner of North 5th St. and Van Buren

Who: Anyone interested in climbing or growing their family tree

What to bring: Any family history you've already collected. Beginners will need to have a starting point, so bring names and dates (birth, death, marriage) for siblings, parents, grandparents, and further back if you have it.

WiFi is available; feel free to bring your laptop. Information will include a list of websites and family tree forms as well as exchanging hints and ideas for searching.

Bring a lunch if you want to stay past noon to receive some one-on-one help.

Sponsored by the Athena Public Library

Story Time continues on Mondays @ 10:30am.

Q: What's more fun than a barrel of monkeys?

A: Young children @ library story time!

The library will have a complete collection of local High

School yearbooks from 1950-present. We have some

books from the 20's, 30', and 40's; we are looking for more years to

fill our collection not only during those decades, but

books prior to the 1920's. Weston-McEwen High School loaned us some missing

copies so what we have gathered can be digitalized through an agreement with

Oklahoma Correctional Industries. When this project is finished, yearbooks as far back

as 1923 will be searchable online.

East Umatilla County Health District

The regular monthly Board of Directors meeting was held on February 21, 2017 at the District office in Athena. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman Vicki Jackson. Directors attending were Jeremy Lasater and Elizabeth McIntyre. Absent was Holly Mays. Guest attending were Carol Kirk, Rachelle Roggerio and Jim Marquardt.

The Board passed Resolution 2017-1 accepting a Safety Grant from Special Districts Insurance Service in the amount of \$5000.00. These funds will be used to purchase a new stair chair and several other pieces of needed safety equipment. A stair chair is used to help EMS personnel move patients down a flight of stairs or porch safely.

Athena resident Jim Marquardt was appointed to the Board filling position #4 until June 30, 2017.

The Board has posted a job announcement for an Administrator/Paramedic. They will be working with the new Health District Board. It is hoped that the new Administrator/Paramedic will finish out the fiscal year with the 'old District' and transition over to the 'new District'.

There will be much to do in preparation for the dissolution of the current District by June 30, 2017 and the launching of the new Health District on July 1, 2017.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.

East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District

The elected Directors of the new Health District held their first meeting on February 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Directors Elizabeth McIntyre, Vicki Jackson and Chrys Wernlund. Guests attending were Carol Kirk, Jeremy Lasater and Jim Marquardt.

Elizabeth McIntyre, Vicki Jackson and Chrys Wernlund were sworn in. They appointed Carol Kirk and Jeremy Lasater to fill positions #4 & #5. With a full Board, they elected Officers who will serve until June 30, 2017.

Jeremy Lasater was elected President, Elizabeth McIntyre was elected Secretary and Carol Kirk was elected Treasurer.

The Board has received their Order of Formation from the County and it is on file with the State Department of Revenue.

The next meeting is set for March 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office.

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