

# ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



## CITY COUNCIL

**John Shafer, Mayor**  
**Rebecca Schroeder,**  
 Comm of Parks & Rec  
**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:  
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## 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**

## YARD SALE TIME!!!

Just a reminder that the Annual Yard Sale Day for Athena is Saturday May 20, 2017. Again we will be putting together maps with sale addresses on it. If you are having a sale and want to be included on this map you NEED to contact Paula Babb at Bees Knees Thrift Store (541)969-7904 or City Hall (541) 566-3862 to tell us the address of the sale. Advertising for this day will be provided. Sale times will be advertised from 8:00-3:00. Looking forward to another great sale day!

## MAY MEETINGS

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

### Livestock Commission

Tuesday, May 2nd @ 5:30

### Library Board (Library)

Monday, 8th @ 7:00 pm

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, 10th @ 6:00 pm

### City Council Meeting

Thursday, 11th @ 6:00 pm

### Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 16th @ 5:30 pm

### Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, 25th @ 6:00 pm

## LIBRARY NEWS

Author Nancy Coffelt will be at the Athena Elementary School @ 8:30am on May 4<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Coffelt has written a picture book entitled The Big Eclipse. By arrangement through the Athena Public Library, Nancy will read her book to the students and present a Big Eclipse activity book and eclipse viewer to each. The public is invited to attend. (Sponsored by Athena Lib. Friends Assoc.)

The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 9 @ 10:00am @ the Athena Public Library!

Full schedule will be ready at the end of May!

# HOOT, MON!

**CALEDONIAN GUARDIANS ARE PROTECTING ATHENA'S PRECIOUS TRADITIONS ...SINCE 1899.**

**Kindly donate now to Athena Caledonian Games and become Guardians.**

Your generosity will support...

- Sponsorship of special guests,
- Sponsorship of visiting pipe bands, and more.

As a Guardian, you will receive...

- Recognition by name in the Caledonian program,
- A special invitation to our VIP Reception, and
- Other benefits too!



**Athena Caledonian Games  
 PO Box 161 Athena, OR 97813**

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVATION

*The City Office, Public Works, and Public Library will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.*

- SAVE THE DATES
- May 6 City Wide Clean Up
  - May-Aug Tuesday Evening Market 4-7 at Dugger Park on Main Street
  - 14 Mother's Day
  - 20 Athena City Wide Yard Sale
  - 28 Helix "Heart of the Country" Rodeo
  - 24 W-M HS Baccalaureate 7:00 @ Weston Auditorium
  - 27 Weston-McEwen High School Graduation 7:00 @ WM Gym
  - June 23-24 Hodaka Days
  - July 8-9 Caledonian Games



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

April 13, 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 LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater, Becky Schroeder and Carol Speed present. Councilor Pat Gibson was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and five guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:** Sgt. Roberts gave the Sheriff's Department update. Extra patrols are being requested on 5<sup>th</sup> street, especially when traffic to schools is high.

Katie Zmuda passed out a flyer of upcoming Chamber of Commerce events and requested permission to use Dugger Park again this summer for Tuesday Market. They are also requesting the city pay \$316 for four months of porta poties. Motion was moved and seconded to accept requests. Motion carried 4-0.

Brenda Vorhauer from Main Street Association reported there will be a delay in taking ownership of the PGG building due to issues with the furnace and the chimney falling in. The sale should close in the next couple of weeks.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 3/9/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-05 Transfer Capital Contingency Funds to purchase a new fire truck. Motion carried 4-0.

A Livestock Permit for Wendy Bellamy was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Council also granted permission for the Red Cross to hold a blood drive in the community room June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Commission:** Building permits were approved for Charles Bayman and Carol Speed. The Comprehensive Plan update has reached a point where professional assistance is required. Nancy has contacted Tamra Mabbott from Umatilla County Planning Department and is also researching options.

**Old Business: Water System:** Brad Baird reported the new reservoir is in service. The existing reservoir is being prepped for interior painting. The well pump station is 95% complete. Goodman & Melenbacher are working to wrap up well items and restoration, which could take 1-2 months. Once weather allows, the reservoirs and well pump station will be fenced. Change order # 3 for the deeper well pump set was approved by a vote of 4-0. The Water Management and Conservation Plan is complete and under internal review.

**Pool:** A Termination and Settlement Agreement with Seder Architect + Urban Design LLC was approved 4-0. An additional \$5,500 in pool donations has been secured and WC is scheduled to break ground for the new bathhouse on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Business** Councilor Mitchell suggested the city research what is required to move our accounts to Bank of Eastern Oregon. Other councilors agreed we should support the new bank.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Nancy reported the OAMR conference was very beneficial and she will be implementing suggested changes in writing the minutes.

**Fire:** Chief Reitz reported the firehouse remodel is progressing nicely. The new fire truck will be painted red. Zimmerman's Autobody donated the materials at cost and volunteers will supply the labor. He also reported the mutual aid we provide to other entities proved beneficial this past week when they came to assist with the fire in Athena.

**Library:** Will be purchasing 70 solar eclipse glasses to distribute during the Summer Reading Program.

**Parks:** It was suggested garbage can(s) be place at the west entrance to the park so people will not throw garbage in the creek.

**Public Works:** Due to the pool not opening, they will not be hiring a worker for the summer months. All of the trees have been removed on Main Street and the sidewalks are being repaired. Bob Walder, a landscape architect, may be able to help with a design for new trees.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **May 11, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

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



## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1 2017 to June 30, 2018, will be held at Athena City Hall meeting room, 215 S Third Street, Athena, OR. The meeting will take place on May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 10 at Athena City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District** **(New District)**

The regular monthly meeting was held on April 21, 2017 at the District Office in Athena, Oregon. Chairman Jeremy Lasater opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Directors Elizabeth McIntyre, Chrys Wernlund, Carol Kirk and Vickie Jackson were present. Erika Lasater and Riann Roggerio attended as guests.

The minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved. Vickie Jackson reported that she has not received any communication from SDAO concerning the application submitted for financing from July 1, 2017 until mid-November 2017 when tax revenues start coming in.

The Board is still working on the 2017-2018 budget which is almost complete. The budget hearing will be set for the June meeting.

The Board passed their first Resolution Adopting District Compliance with Local Budget Law-No. 2017-1

The two offices in the front of the building are rented out and there will be new leases with the present tenants which will take effect on July 1, 2017.

There were two applicants for the open Administrator/Paramedic position but neither had the required administrative or wilderness experience. A new job description has been posted and the deadline for applications is May 12, 2017. The Board is working hard to find the right person to fill this role as the new District takes off on July 1, 2017. One of the first things the new Administrator will do is hire two paramedics. With this staff of three and our crew of volunteer EMT's and drivers we will have complete coverage for our Ambulance Service Area.

### **East Umatilla County Health District** **(Old District)**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Vickie Jackson at 7:37 p.m. at the District office. The minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved along with the March 2017 Treasurer's Report and April 2017 bills for payment.

Present at the meeting were Directors Jeremy Lasater, Holly Mays, Jim Marquardt and Elizabeth McIntyre. Guest attending were Erika Lasater and Riann Roggerio.

It was voted to table the work on the creation of a "Light Duty" policy for the employee handbook. The handbook is ready as soon as this policy is added.

All the Foundation Reports are complete except the one to SDAO. It will be completed shortly.

Helix Fire District will submit an invoice to the Health District for storage of the van/ambulance donated by Hermiston Fire. It has been stored in Helix since December 2016.

Work is continuing the Resolution of Dissolution. A list of assets to transfer to the new District is almost complete.

The next meeting is set for May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



### **FIRE DEPT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Athena Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteers. The Fire Department pays for all training. Training consists of classes Sept—April one night a week and active training one weekend per month. For more information call John Reitz at 541-566-3491.



### **TUESDAY EVENING MARKET**

Dugger Park—Main Street  
EVERY TUESDAY MAY-AUG  
4:00-7:00 pm  
FREE VENDING!!

Come to shop local vendors,  
eat great food and listen to music.

For more information or to be a vendor  
call Katie Zmuda at 541-969-4810

or email [athenatuesday-  
market@yahoo.com](mailto:athenatuesday-market@yahoo.com)

\*\*\*No vendor fee\*\*\*

### **ABC Children's Ministries Registration and Open House Monday, May 22, 6:00-8:00 pm**

#### **PRESCHOOL**

**3 year old class:**

8:15-11:30am Tues., Wed. and Thurs.

**4 year old class:**

8:15-11:30am Monday-Thursday

#### **What We Offer**

- \*Age appropriate learning activities
- \*Games, crafts & Science projects
- \*Positive learning environment
- \*Biblical lessons
- \*Field trips
- \*Kindergarten readiness skills
- \* and much more!

Come register your child, tour the facility, meet the teachers, 523 E High Street, Athena, OR. Any questions, please call Amy Arredondo, Director. 541-566-2229 or 541-310-9036

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