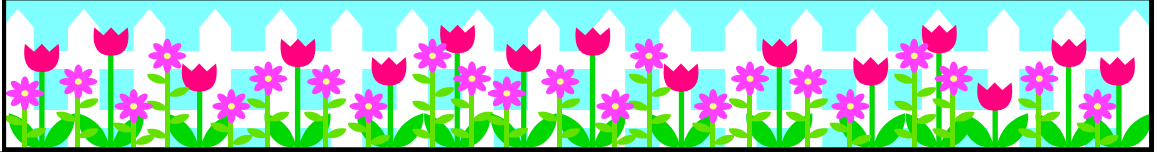


ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2018



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:

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!!!

May is here and we are getting ready for our annual yard sale day. Saturday, May 19th from 8:00am-3:00-pm. If you are interested in having a yard sale and being put on the map, please call either City Hall (541)566-3862 or Bee's Knees (541) 566-02503 with your address and contact information. (Your contact information will not be on the map). We provide maps for easy shopping. Best time of year to have a yard sale. We advertise for you! We look forward to another great year. For questions, contact Paula Babb (541) 566-3861.

MAY MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, May 2nd @ 5:30

Library Board (Library)

Monday, 7th @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 9th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 10th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 15th @ 5:30 pm

Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, 24th @ 6:00 pm

May Activities at the library:

Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 pm: Good Food, Bad Food: Agriculture, Ethics and Personal Choice. Oregon boasts a multibillion-dollar agricultural economy that includes both industrial agriculture and small-scale efforts such as community supported agriculture memberships, farmers' markets, and community gardens. These smaller, community-based efforts are on the rise as means to nurture community and create local and autonomous food systems. In this conversation, author Kristy Athens will ask participants to think about the impact of their food choices. Are these choices as consequential as consumers would like them to be? Does "voting with your dollars" significantly shape our agricultural systems?

Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 – 3:00: Library Book Sale! It's City-Wide Yard Sale day and the Library is participating! All proceeds will go to fund our Crafternoon program!

Monday, May 21 from 5:30 – 7:00pm: Weston Middle School Art Show! Come to the library and support area middle school artists. Vote for your favorite submission. We'll be displaying art submitted by 6th-8th graders into the next week as well.

CHAMBER NEWS...

Screen Free Week takes place April 30 – May 5, 2018

The Chamber encourages you to turn your screens off and unplug this week. Here are electronic free activities offered by some of Athena's local organizations and groups:

Monday April 30 – May Day Basket Craft-noon at the Library @ 5:00

Tuesday May 1 – First 2018 Tuesday Market hosted by the Chamber of Commerce; P.I.E. Group will have a rock painting session at the market 4pm – 7pm; Gem Theatre will have tours taking place during Tuesday Market

Friday May 4- FFA plant Sale 8am – 5pm

Saturday May 5 – FFA plant Sale 8am – 5pm; Athena Mainstreet Association hosts Clean Sweep, meet at the Legion Hall at 8am – volunteers will be treated to a Cinco de Mayo themed lunch in the afternoon.

LET'S GO SWIMMING!!!!

Final touches are being put on the pool & bathhouse project, lifeguards have been hired, and we are just about ready for swimmers!! Opening day will be Saturday, June 9. Hours will be 1:00-5:00 daily. Family season passes can be purchased for \$100.00. This pass includes immediate family members only.

Daily swim fees are \$2.00 per person.

If you are interested in swimming lessons, please call City Hall for dates and prices.

FINAL CHANCE TO DONATE

The city is still looking for donations to finish paying for the pool project. Did you, your children, or grandchildren learn to swim in the Athena pool? This is your chance to give back.

We are looking for 4 donations of \$10,000 or...

8 donations of \$5,000 or...

16 donations of \$2,500 or...

40 donations of \$1,000 or....

You get the idea!!

The pool has served Athena and the surrounding communities since 1928. Let's all do our part to pay it forward for the upcoming generations.

Donors over \$25 will have their name on the Wall of Honor plaque at the pool house.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVATION

The City Office, Public Works, and Public Library will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

April 12, 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, Carol Speed, and Rebecca Schroeder present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and seven guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Athena Caledonian Games presented a revised proposal to install a permanent 3-sided kiosk in the city park. One side will be reserved for Caledonian Games, with the other two sides being used for informative postings about Athena happenings, culture, and history. They have coordinated with Public Works on placement, and will make repairs as necessary. The city will have a key, as will Caledonian Games. A motion was made, seconded and carried 5-0 to approve the kiosk.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Tuesday market will begin May 1st, from 4-7pm every Tuesday at Dugger Park. They are bringing back Yard of the Month, and looking for volunteers. They are also planning activities for a Screen Free Week April 30-May 4.

Main Street Association: Clean Sweep will be May 5th, with a Cinco de Mayo themed lunch at the Legion Hall, provided by the city. They will also be adopting the state highway for cleaning, from Main Street to Highway 12. Lloyd Flatt expressed concerns the Planning Commission is not following the Comprehensive Plan in the zoning ordinance; specifically related to use and signage at the new storage units on Third and Jefferson, which are advertising RV and boat storage. He also expressed concern about the loss of parking spaces in the downtown area with the entrance to the storage facility on Third Street. The original permit was compared to permitted uses in the Comprehensive Plan and the Business License Application. After lengthy discussion Council felt the original permit fell within the guidelines of the Commercial-Residential Zone and it was compatible with prior use of the property. Council agreed the property was not zoned for seasonal or recreations vehicle storage and will address that in the business license application.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 3/8/18 regular meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable Items: Rates for swimming pool daily passes and family passes were compared to surrounding communities and discussed. A motion was made to increase the family pass rate to \$100 and the daily pass rate to \$2. Motion was seconded and passed 5-0. A recommendation was made to allow the library to give out 60 pool passes for reading rewards during the summer. Kristin will develop criteria and bring it back to the council meeting in May. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-05 to Accept and Expense Funds from the sale of property at 124 High Street. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made to approve the AFSCME Union Contract for 2018-2021. Motion was seconded and carried 5-0. After Mayor Shafer read ordinance 1-3.3 Qualifications for Elections, Nominating Procedures; and then reading the ordinance by title, a motion was made to approve the updated ordinance. Motion was seconded and carried 5-0. A motion was made to renew the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. Motion was seconded and approved 5-0.

A business license application from Duane & Sara Lyn Smalley for Third Street Storage was discussed at length due to concerns about RV and boat storage. The original building permit and business license both state the use is for storage units and neither mention recreational or seasonal vehicle storage. Per the Comprehensive Plan, RV or seasonal use vehicle storage is allowed only in the Industrial Zone. A motion was made and seconded to approve the business license for storage units only, with no seasonal vehicle storage allowed. Motion carried 5-0. Nancy will notify the Smalleys' of the conditional license approval and request they modify their sign.



4/12/18 minutes continued

Committee Reports: Planning Commission: Approved permits for a new shop at 207 E High for Paul & Norene Tate and a tax lot split for Terry & JoAnn McKern. Nancy presented the updated Athena Growth Report, which will be reviewed at the next meeting. Once approved, it will be presented to Council for their approval.

Pool: Lifeguards have been hired and training is scheduled. A \$50,000 grant was received from AWERE, and \$25,000 from The Ford Family Foundation. The remainder of the fixtures should arrive next week. Painting is almost complete, both inside and out. The doors are being painted with automotive paint for strength and durability. While painting the doors, it was discovered someone has been throwing rocks at them and left dents. Council discussed installing cameras to help catch those causing vandalism and hold them accountable. Nancy will work with Kim, Kenneth and Fire Chief John Reitz about what to purchase. A grant was received for work on the mechanical room, and will be used to make repairs and paint the building and the propane tank to match the bathhouse.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nancy presented information on the replacement park playground equipment. She explained the price increase in one week due to tariffs, color options, price comparisons and ways to fund the project before prices increase again. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the proposed playground equipment in tropical yellow and green, plus the wood fiber base. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2018-06 Transferring Appropriations from Water Fund to Capital Projects Fund and Resolution 2018-07 Increasing Appropriations in Capital Projects, Public Works. Motion carried 5-0. These resolutions authorize funding to complete the bathhouse and purchase the playground equipment in the current fiscal year. The funds will be paid back at the beginning of the next fiscal year in July 2018.

Business from the Departments & Councilors: Librarian Kristin Williams handed out a list of events at the library for April, the Annual Library Service Plan and the open hour's survey. After discussion and recommendation from Kristin per the hours survey, a motion was made and seconded to approve new library hours of Mon 12-6; Tues 12-5; Wed. 12-7; Thurs 12-5 and Fri 12-5, beginning in September. Motion approved 5-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **May 10, 2018 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

VETERAN'S PARK PROGRESS

Flag poles and benches are up. Park Sign and Memorial Plaque will be installed very soon! Last stage is the mural depicting the legion's history and the donor/sponsor sign. Those who wish may send a tax free donation to :

Veteran Park Project

PO Box 477

Athena, OR 97813

With donations of \$100.00 or more, your name will be on the donor/sponsor sign. A big thank you to all who have helped make this project possible. We truly appreciate your support. — Athena American Legion Post #130 and Auxiliary

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 2018 to June 30, 2019, will be held at Athena City Hall meeting room, 215 S Third Street, Athena, OR. The meeting will take place on May 16 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 11 at Athena City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This notice is also posted on our website at www.cityofathena.com.



WMHS National Honor Society

The week of May 7-14, the NHS at WM High School will be hosting a drive for needed supplies to donate to the new Women's Center and Christian Aid Center for the homeless in Walla Walla. These supplies will be donated and used to stock the new apartments for homeless women and children in the area. The needed supplies include:

- **White Twin Sheets, Toiletries, Toilet Paper, Trash Bags, Laundry Soap, Peanut Butter**

The supplies can be dropped at the WMHS Commons and the City of Athena Library.

Thank you!



TUESDAY EVENING MARKET

The Chamber of Commerce is excited for the 2018 Tuesday Market season to begin!

The first market is May 1st and the season will run every Tuesday until the end of August. The market is held at Dugger Park and runs from 4pm-7pm.

Vending is always FREE! For more information contact Chamber President Katie Zmuda 541-969-4810 or on Facebook @athenatuesdaymarket

East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District
Medic 400

Phone 541-566-3813

PO Box 640, Athena, OR 97813

April 2018 Ambulance Report

The District's Board of Directors met at the District office on April 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Directors Carol Kirk, Chris Williams and Elizabeth McIntyre. The meeting was chaired by Jeremy Lasater.

Jeff and Tiffani Rost informed the Board that they would be stepping down from their temporary positions by mid-July or early August. They have seen the new District through its first year. They both have full time jobs plus what they do for the District and the demands on their time are increasing. There will be a District Strategic Planning session on May 3, 2018 at the District office starting at 6:30 p.m. All staff, volunteers, Directors and the public are welcome to attend.

On May 12, 2018 there will be a CPR training session held at the High School commons. It is free to attend but if you want/need your certification card, the cost will be \$20. There are a few spots open so call or contact the District at 541-566-3813 to reserve your spot.

The District received an AWERE Grant in the amount to \$34,000 to purchase a brand-new heart monitor. It is our goal to purchase at least two new monitors this fiscal year.

Our Budget is in progress and will be finalized after the Planning sessions when the Board has a clear picture of where the Districts will be heading.

Since January 1, 2018 the District has responded to 78 calls for service, that's almost 20 a month.

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