

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

John Shafer,

Comm. of Police Services:

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday

8am - 5pm

(open during lunch)

Closed

all legal holidays



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PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY:

With summer comes children on bikes, skateboards and on foot. Please slow down and watch carefully at intersections for those that might not be watching for you.

AUGUST MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Livestock Commission

Tuesday **7th @ 5:30 pm**

Library Board

Monday, **6th @ 6pm**

Planning Commission

Wednesday, **8th @ 6:00pm**

City Council Meeting

Thursday, **9th @ 6:00 pm**

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, **21st @ 5:30 pm**

CHAMBER NEWS

June Yard of the Month Winner:

Congratulations to Jammie and Shane Reinhart located on Hunt and Washington! You can see pictures of their beautiful yard on the Chamber Facebook page. The Reinharts received a Tuesday Market magnet and gift certificate to the Sugar Shack from the Chamber and will have the Yard of the Month sign displayed in their yard all month long. Nomination forms are located at the Tuesday Market, the Post Office and you can nominate a yard on the Chamber Facebook page. The nominations are counted and a winning yard is chosen the last Tuesday Market of each month.

CITY OF ATHENA

CITY COUNCIL VACANCIES

The City of Athena will have three vacant positions starting January 1, 2019. These positions are four-year terms. If you are interested in running for City Council, you must have your application into the County Elections Office by August 28, 2018. You can pick up an application at City Hall.

2018 Fall Festival will be Saturday October 6 from 10am – 3pm on Main Street, if you are interested in volunteering, being a vendor or having a classic car entered in the car show – contact the Chamber at a Tuesday Market, on Facebook or contact Chamber President Katie Zmuda 541-969-4810.

HARVEST TIME!

Wheat harvest has started which means an increase in truck and big equipment traffic. Please drive carefully!

CITY PHONE

NUMBERS

City Hall 566-3862

City Shop 566-0228

Library 566-2470

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Sheriff

Dispatch 541-966-3651

SWIMMING POOL

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to the Athena Swimming Pool Project. We could not have done this without all of your help! We are so excited to see it full of swimmers once again!

CAN DRIVE SUCCESS!

A big thank you from Paula and Traci for everyone's efforts with raising funds for the Athena Public Swimming Pool. The bottle and can drive was a huge success in raising more than \$1500.00 so far. We appreciate the support this community has given. A huge THANKS!! We will continue our can drive to raise more funds for various projects around town. Possibly ashtrays at the post office and bus stop, a picnic bench at Dugger Park, etc. Ideas are welcome. We will still be collecting cans and bottles on Wednesday afternoons. Again thanks. Paula Babb and Traci King.

FIRE SEASON IS DECLARED

During Fire Season:

- **Burning Permits are required on all private forest and range lands within the Northeast Forest Protection District for Oregon. Contact your local ODF office to acquire a burning permit.**
- **Landowners who conducted burning of slash piles last fall and this past spring are encouraged to check these piles and ensure that they are completely out and all heat is gone. It is not uncommon for recently burned slash piles to have heat remaining for several months.**
- **Campfires must be DEAD OUT! Recreationists are reminded that campfires need to be attended and fully extinguished before being left. Get permission from landowner prior to starting a campfire.**



MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

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, Rebecca Schroeder, and Carol Speed present. Assistant Recorder Michelle Fox and five guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Sgt. Josh Roberts with the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reviewed the police report and answered questions.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Chamber was busy during Hodaka Days serving 150 root beer floats in the park. Community Night Out on Main Street was a huge success. They will be participating in the Caledonian Parade and will have a booth at the park. Tuesday Market is doing well with a few more vendors this year. They are looking forward to Fall Festival.

Main Street Association: They had a work party at the Stahl Building. New windows look great. They will also be promoting Main Street during Caledonian Games. They will be having an "Adopt a Highway" project on August 12, 2018. Everyone participating will meet at 7:00am at the Sugar Shack that morning.

April Makenna asked for an update on the new park playground equipment. Councilor Schroeder informed April that the Public Works Department has been extremely busy with trying to get the pool up and running. Unfortunately they have not had time to install it yet but that it is a project for the very near future.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/14/18 regular meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of all the business Liquor Licenses. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to let the Juvenile Division determine the appropriate punishment for the four juveniles that vandalized the new concrete in the park. Motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Permit #2018-05 for Brian and Robin Pickard was approved for an addition to their home. Permit #2018-06 for Gene and Mary Helen Wright was approved to demolish old structure and replace with new modular home and shop.

Old Business: Pool Cameras: The Public Works Department is waiting on two bids for new cameras for the park and pool. Nine cameras are needed for full coverage. A ballpark estimate was given by Price Computers in the amount of \$4,000 for nine cameras and the recorder. Assistant Recorder, Michelle Fox is going to call CIS and ask about liability for using cameras.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Fire: Fire season has begun. Fire department was busy over the fourth of July. They also just assisted with the large fire in Weston.



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Library: Received a \$3,000 grant from the State Library of Oregon to be used for "Refreshing Materials." Approximately 300 new items have been ordered for the Library. The concentration is on refreshing the youth diversity and non-fiction collections. The Library had numerous visitors during Hodaka Days and the Summer Reading Program is going very well.

Public Works: Had a large water leak which has been fixed. They are watching all the wells closely to see how much the new well impacts the water levels in July and August.

Pool: Colleen Bagdon was hired as the new Pool Manager to replace Riley Faircloth. The pool is averaging 80 swimmers per day. We have received many compliments on the new facility. The new lifeguards are all working hard and doing a great job.

Administration: Auditors will be coming out next week to do field work for the audit. The City is hosting the LOC Small Cities Meeting on July 18th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **August 9, 2018 @ 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.

LIBRARY NEWS.....

August means summer reading is wrapping up at the library! Reading logs for kids and adults are due on August 7. Don't forget, adults who fill in their reading log will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card. Kids who read at least 12 books are entered into a drawing for tickets to Mary Poppins at Elgin Opera House and those who read at least 16 books are entered into a drawing for a family pool pass for Summer 2019.

Our last few summer reading events are this month too.

August 1 at 1:30 we'll be exploring Sounds in Nature. Come to the library to hear some of the fantastic sounds of the world around us.

August 2 at 3:00 is our last summer Crafternoon and we're making wind chimes.

Finally, our final event of the summer reading program is **August 7 from 4:00 – 7:00 at the Tuesday market**. We're hosting a community wide talent show and we want YOU to participate. Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, recite movie lines or have some other interesting talent? Please share with us! You can sign up at the library. We'll also be doing the Summer Reading prize drawings that night!



CALEDONIAN GAMES

The mission of the Athena Caledonian Games is to preserve and promote the Scottish heritage of Athena. Mission accomplished, July 13, 14 & 15, 2018!

Thank you to all for a wonderful weekend of Highland athletic Games, dancing, piping and pipe bands, storytelling, Celtic harp, entertainment, a parade, a Shindig, a Tattoo, a Candle Lighting Ceremony and clans July 13, 14 & 15, 2018. There are lots of events and memories created. "Caledonian is a wonderful event", was repeated by many. Thank you to our volunteers who chaired each event with tender loving care. Chair persons led each event with knowledge and poise. The talent and skills we had together for the weekend was overwhelming and powerful

Our loyal sponsors, advertisers, Thistle Guardians, Gold Guardian, Silver, Bronze and Guardians know that we couldn't do what we do without their support. We love our special projects from our grantors: our beautiful Athena kiosk in City Park, a grant from Umatilla County Community and Economic Development, our beautiful colorful event flags from Wildhorse Foundation, and the exciting dance programs from our little, energetic Athena Clan of the Mid-Columbia School of Highland Dancing stimulated by a grant from Umatilla County Cultural Coalition. These special projects allowed Caledonian to dream.

Mission of preserving and promoting accomplished but more than that, we created lasting memories of a wonderful event.

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