



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

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted

Livestock Commission

Tuesday **5th @ 6:00 pm**

Library Board (at Library)

Monday **11th @ 7pm**

Planning Commission

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

City Council Meeting

Thursday, **7th @ 6:00pm**

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, **19th @ 5:30 pm**

FIRE AND DRY WEEDS

The City of Athena, along with the entire north-west, is experiencing a very hot dry summer. Residents are asked to be mindful of dry weeds growing on property. These weeds create conditions that are ripe for a devastating fire. All it takes is a spark, a match, or a careless act and your home, as well as those surrounding it, could go up in flames. We have all seen the devastation being caused by fires surrounding us. Please do not contribute to these conditions.

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Until further notice, the Umatilla County Commissioners have issued a burn ban, which includes household burn barrels and residential burning.

**HAVE A SAFE
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**

School Days!!!!

School is back in session, and little people will be walking, running and biking to and from. PLEASE, WATCH CAREFULLY FOR THESE EXCITED CHILDREN AS THEY MAY FORGET TO WATCH

**CITY PHONE
NUMBERS**

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

"Celebration of Life Service for Mark Seltmann will be at the High School Gym, Saturday, September 9 at 1 pm. If you desire to bring a veggie, fruit or cookies plate to the reception at the city park following the service, call Colleen Bagdon at 541-566-2011 and leave a message."

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all participants of the library's Summer Reading Program.

Blacklight and breaking geodes were great fun! Holding hands in a big circle and watching an electric circuit connect was fun, until someone broke the circuit by dropping a hand. These are only three examples of the STEM activities presented. Then there were the Traveling Lantern "Ribbits", and professional storyteller Christopher Leebrick animating his stories for goofy entertainment. Then there was OMSI and the solar eclipse. What a summer!

Story time for children ages birth-6 yrs. will begin Monday, September 18 @ 10:30am.

**Ambulance Calls:
AUGUST 2017**

No information available

**Year -to- date:
TOTAL:**



MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2017 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 City's community room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater Rebecca Schroeder, and Carol Speed present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and 8 guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: The *Athena Chamber of Commerce* reported on new members and activities over the last month. They will also have a Photo Booth at the Main Street Association Block Party. *Main Street Association* reported on work happening on the PGG building, the upcoming Block Party they are sponsoring, and plans to attend the Oregon Main Street conference October 4-6. *Charlotte McGuire & June Mazzei* both expressed continuing concerns about speeding on Grandview Street. They would like to see more patrols, a radar trailer, and speed signs put up. Mayor Shafer again encouraged them to notify dispatch each time there is an occurrence, as well as getting vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 7/13/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Applications were received from Gene Wright & Christina McBean for the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Mayor Shafer appointed Gene Wright to the position, and noted that if there is another vacancy he will appoint Christina McBean to fill that position. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-12 - Approve Special City Allotment Application, which is for street repairs funded by ODOT. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-13 to Accept and Expense Grant Funds from Umatilla County Board of Commissioners and Economic Development Grant Committee. The money will be used to finish the growth report section of the Planning portion of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 5-0. Mary Corp from Oregon State University made a presentation detailing what the benefits of a Umatilla County 4-H, Extension & Agriculture Research Service District would be. Umatilla County Commissioners have approved an order to initiate the formation of the Umatilla County Extension Service District and need Cities County wide to vote to approve or reject the formation of the district. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-14 - Approve Umatilla County to Initiate Formation of Umatilla County Extension Service District. Motion carried 5-0.

Planning Commission: Permit # 2017-10 for Kurt Rosenberg to build a shop was reviewed. Motion was made, seconded, and approved 4-0. Permit 2017-11 for Duane Smalley to combine two tax lots was also reviewed. Motion was made, seconded, and approved 4-0. He will also be changing the orientation of the building from facing Third Street to Jefferson Street due to state building code requirements. The commission gave Nancy permission to sign the new request when it comes in so he does not need to wait another month for another meeting. The Commission also gave Nancy approval to sign building permits when they are a resubmittal from a previously approved permit.

Old Business: Water System: Brad Baird reported the well pump station is finished. The new pump has been installed and preliminary test are being run. Once final testing is complete the well will go online. The two water line crossing materials have arrived and are scheduled to be complete in the next few weeks. **Pool:** The building permit has been issued and construction started. A donation of \$4,000 was received from Northwest Grain Growers

New Business: The National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is conducting a major study of the health of person living in the United States. Umatilla County has been selected as one of the survey locations during the current survey, running August 30 - November 1. Interviewers will be calling on designated households throughout the area to obtain the demographic information used to identify and select people for the examination. If you would like more information about the survey please stop by City Hall to pick up a pamphlet, or call 1-800-452-6115.

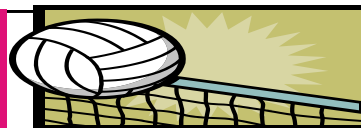
Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Auditors were here July 31-August 3rd and it appeared to go well.

Nancy will be on vacation 8/14-19, and Michelle 8/21-25th.

At the Athena Fish Passage Project meeting permission was requested to remove one of the trees in the park that will be in the way. After discussion and explanation it was moved, seconded and approved 5-0 to grant permission to remove the tree. Nancy was instructed to inquire using the value of the tree as part of the city's match funds.

Nancy reminded everyone the September meeting will be on the 7th, and the October meetings on the 5th. They are a week early due to scheduling conflicts with Round-Up and Nancy & Michelle attending a conference October 10-13th. **Continued on page 3**



Continued from page 2: Library: Mayor Shafer appointed Jeffrey Capps and Kate Fairchild to the Library Board.
Public Works: The American Legion requested that planters not be placed in front of the legion hall. Placement of the planters will begin this fall. **Fire:** Councilor Sater reminded us fire season is here and to be extremely careful. He also noted there was a great response to the fires in Weston and people there were most appreciative.
 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **September 7, 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.

WESTON-MCEWEN ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

<i>Sept 1</i>	<i>Grant Union</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>Heppner</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Sept 8</i>	<i>@ Imbler</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>Oct 6</i>	<i>@ Stanfield Secondary</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Sept 14</i>	<i>Mac-Hi</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Oct 13</i>	<i>@ Amity</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Sept 22</i>	<i>@ Union</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>@ Culver</i>	<i>7:00</i>

VOLLEYBALL

<i>August 24</i>	<i>Dufur/Imbler</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Sept 21</i>	<i>@Stanfield Secondary</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>August 26</i>	<i>@Grant Union Tourn</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Sept 26</i>	<i>Heppner</i>	<i>5:00</i>
<i>August 29</i>	<i>@Helix/Enterprise</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Sept 28</i>	<i>Pilot Rock</i>	<i>5:00</i>
<i>August 31</i>	<i>Union</i>	<i>5:00</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>@ Union</i>	<i>5:00</i>
<i>Sept 2</i>	<i>@Heppner Tourn</i>	<i>9:00AM</i>	<i>Oct 5</i>	<i>Culver</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>Sept 7</i>	<i>@Dayton</i>	<i>5:00</i>	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>@Sherman Co./St Paul</i>	<i>12:00</i>
<i>Sept 9</i>	<i>@Reedsport Tourn</i>	<i>10:00AM</i>	<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Stanfield Secondary</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>Sept 12</i>	<i>@WWVA</i>	<i>5:00</i>	<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>@ Heppner</i>	<i>5:00</i>
<i>Sept 14</i>	<i>@Imbler/Baker</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>@ Pilot Rock</i>	<i>5:00</i>
<i>Sept 19</i>	<i>@ Culver</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Oct 21</i>	<i>District Toun / Pilot Rock</i>	<i>12:00</i>

CROSS COUNTRY:

<i>Sept 9</i>	<i>@ Hermiston</i>	<i>10:00AM</i>	<i>Oct 13</i>	<i>@ Mac-Hi</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Sept 22</i>	<i>@ Umatilla</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Oct 19</i>	<i>@ Pendleton</i>	<i>3:00</i>
<i>Sept 28</i>	<i>@ Hermiston</i>	<i>4:00</i>			
<i>Oct 5</i>	<i>@ Heppner</i>	<i>TBD</i>			
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>@ Helix</i>	<i>4:30</i>			

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

School will be starting soon, which means children are riding bikes & walking to and from school. Because they sometimes forget to look, drivers need to be extra cautious. Parents—remind your children to stop at crosswalks and look both ways. Drivers, take an extra look before pulling out!

LETS MAKE THIS A SAFE AND HAPPY SCHOOL YEAR

CITY HALL CLOSURE

City Hall, Public Works, and the Athena Library will all be closed Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day. City Hall will also closed on Sept. 14th and 15th for Round-up.

ATHENA CANCER WALK

The City of Athena Cancer Walk has returned to Athena in conjunction with the Fall Festival. Join us in support of local cancer patients on October 7, 2017 at 9 am in the park for a 5k run or walk. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Cancer Center at St. Mary's Hospital. Participating in the race is by donation only. Please stop by and contribute to this cause.

-Mary Bagdon & Hannah McIntyre



If you have been to the city park lately you have noticed that the POOL BATH-HOUSE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!! It has been a long time coming but it is definitely underway. This will be a beautiful addition when completed and well worth our patience. Due to the delays and rising construction costs, we are still looking for additional funding and any donations would be greatly appreciated. A "Wall of Honor" will be displayed on the building with all donators names displayed. Thank you to all who have already donated!

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