

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

November



ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2017

Its "Fall Back" to Pacific Standard Time,
Sunday, November 5th- turn those
clocks back one hour!

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

*All meetings are at City Hall unless
otherwise noted*

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, 7th @ 5:30 pm

Library Board (at Library)

Monday, 13th @ 7pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 8th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 9th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 21st @ 5:30 pm

ATHENA LIBRARY NEWS

Athena Public Library Events:

The Sword in the Stone

Traveling Lantern @ Athena Elementary School
8:30 am on November 13th

The public is invited.

Join Us!

EARTHQUAKES

Program by Whitman Professor Pogue
Monday, November @ 7:00pm

@ Athena Public Library

The Public is invited.

Join Us!

Ready2Learn Cards for children under 6

Win Prizes just by using your library card

**Ask your library staff how to sign up for a Ready2Learn
Card today! It's easy & FREE!**

TIME TO PACK YOUR WATER METERS—Winter is just
around the corner and the weather is changing quickly, so now
its time to pack them with
a plastic bag full of insulation
in the form of leaves,
plastic peanuts, or newspa-
pers, until Spring.



**CITY PHONE
NUMBERS**

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

VETERAN'S PARK UPDATE

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have given to help make this park a reality. The
foundation is complete, and the flag poles are being prepared to be installed. Once
this is done, we will begin Stage 3.

- Stage 3 = Bronze Plaque & Military Insignias
- Veteran's Park Sign & Donor/Sponsor Sign
- Mural on building depicting the Legion History
- Benches—all weather, permanently installed.

Anyone who would like to help with the final stage may send donations to:

American Legion Veteran's Park

Box 477

Athena, OR 97813

Ambulance Calls:

195

Year -to- date:



SAFETY TIP!!

**With daylight savings time just around the corner, as it
gets darker earlier, please remember to drive safely and
always watch for small children crossing the streets.**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2017 MINUTES
THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 2017

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 and Rebecca Schroeder present. Carol Speed was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and nine guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: **Fire Chief John Reitz** presented information on the hazards of keeping and costs to remove the existing siren and tower at the fire hall. The siren is no longer used, and the tower is a potential liability to the city if it is not secured. A motion was made and seconded to dismantle the tower and preserve the siren for possible use in a display at the fire hall. Motion carried 4-0.

Sgt. Gregory from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office gave the police report.

Michael Ward from Umatilla Basin Watershed Council gave an update on the 3rd Street Bridge Project. The design phase should be at 60% by November 6th. Michael will partner with the city to write a \$20,000 Restoration/Heritage/Reuse Grant from Wildhorse Foundation, which is due 1/1/2018. The Watershed Council will hold their October meeting in Athena at the Miller Family Community Room.

Athena Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for Athena Fall Festival on October 7th. There will be live music, a car show, Cancer Walk and numerous vendors.

Main Street Association is hosting a membership drive and social on 11/1/@ 6:00 pm in the Miller Family Community Room at City Hall. They are also making plans for holiday lighting on Main Street.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 9/7/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2017-16 to accept a pool grant from Blue Mountain Community Foundation. Motion approved 4-0.

The City Recorder contract effective 12/1/17 - 12/1/19 was present. The only proposed change was to increase vacation days per year from 22 to 25. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved 4-0.

Librarian Carrie Bremer submitted her letter of resignation. The council reviewed the current job description and hiring procedures. Nancy will post the job opening and Mayor Shafer will appoint a selection committee.

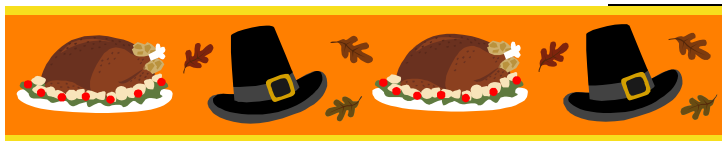
Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Commission members are working on a house mapping project, one of the final steps to complete the update for Planning Ordinances.

Pool: The committee is working on a street banner and flyers to pass out at various community functions, including basketball games. They will also check to see if they can be stuffed in grocery bags at the stores.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported punch list work will begin next week. There is additional follow up paperwork that needs to be completed. Upon project completion there will be an 11 month inspection, possibly in October 2018, which will include the Contractor, USDA, Anderson Perry and Public Works.



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New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Michelle will be on vacation October 25-27, and Nancy October 30-Nov 3rd. Nancy will not be at the November 9th council meeting.

Mayor Shafer announce the City received a Gold Safety Award from our insurance company CIS.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **November 9, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District Medic 400

541-566-3813

PO Box 640, Athena, OR 97813

Fax: 877-469-6944

October Report

The regular monthly meeting held at the District office located at 431 E. Main Street was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Lasater at 7:01 p.m. Present was Secretary Elizabeth McIntyre, Treasurer Carol Kirk and Director Chrys Wernlund. Director Position #3 is currently open. Also present was Administrator Jeff Rost, office manager Donna Grimes, Paramedic Andrew Fournell and Registered Nurse Riann Roggiero.

The District was notified that it will be receiving more tax revenue than what anticipated and budgeted. The Board has submitted a supplemental budget to account for these funds. A Supplemental Budget hearing has been set for November 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office. The District is looking to purchase three new heart monitors in this fiscal year.

The Board moved to post the open #3 Board Position. Any one interesting in serving the remainder of the term should send a letter of interest to P.O. Box 640, Athena, Or 97813. Interested parties must be 18 or older and a registered voter living within the boundaries of the District.

There will be another CPR class offered soon. If you need your CPR card renewed or your employees certified, this would be a good opportunity. As soon as a date is set we will notify the public.

Year to Date runs for the District-195.



Make a *Splash* in your community!

*We need your help raising the last
\$100,000 to finish the new
Athena City Pool bath house.*

WE LOVE OUR POOL!

- The Athena pool has been a community gathering place for over 89 years!
- We offer affordable Red Cross-certified swim lessons
- Employs local high school students as lifeguards for the summer
- A fun place to meet friends and escape the summer heat
- Also used for summer events such as Hodaka Days and Caledonian Games

**Make an important contribution
to your community today!**

Contact Athena City Hall at (541) 566-3862 for more information. Mail donations to the City of Athena, PO Box 686, Athena, OR 97813. Donations up to \$250 are tax deductible.

ATHENA HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The 8th annual Athena Holiday Bazaar is Saturday December 2nd, 2017

from 9am – 3pm at the Elementary School.

With over 40 vendors in one place, shop local for your holiday gifts and goodies this year.

Bring your appetite as there will be hot breakfast and lunches will be served all day.

Santa will be there for pictures from noon – 2pm in the cafeteria.

Contact April McKenna (541) 310-9557 or Katie Zmuda (541) 969-4810 for more information.

This article bears repeating...Do you have a streetlight out near you?

To report an outage all you need to do is record the nearest address to the pole, the nearest cross street, and the pole number (on the yellow plaque on the pole). Call 541-566-3862 or bring this information to city hall and we will notify the proper people at Pacific Power and the light will be fixed in no time!

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