

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

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

Ambulance Calls:
JULY 2016

NO INFO AVAILABLE



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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, 2nd @ 5:30 pm

Library Board

Monday, 8th @ 7pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 10th @ 6:00pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 11th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 16th @ 5:30 pm

Caledonian Thanks

Thank you to all the volunteers, committee members, Athena Volunteer Fire Department, school district, Humberts Refuse Family, Lions Club, 4-H Pooper Scoopers, and City crews for making preparations and for making Caledonian Games, 2016 possible. Thank you to Caledonian advertisers, Guardians, donors and sponsors for your support. It was a good one!! The Athena Caledonian Games Committee sends thanks and gratitude.

Aye,

Athena Caledonian Games Committee

CITY ORDINANCES

Due to NUMEROUS citizen complaints we are once again asking people to take care of your animals in the appropriate manner!

ORDINANCE # 570.13: RESTRAINT OF DOGS:

A. The owner or person with the right to control of any dog(s) shall keep such dog(s) confined to his own premises or shall keep such dog (s) under physical restraint by means of a leash not to exceed six feet (6') in length except: 1) certified service animals while performing their duties; 2) dogs participating in field or obedience trials or exhibitions; 3) dogs assisting their owner/handler in legal hunting or in the herding of livestock; 4) dogs assisting a security guard or assisting a peace officer engaged in law enforcement activities; 5) dogs being trained for any of the above purposes on private land with permission of the landowner, so long as such dogs are under direct control of such individuals to assure that they do not violate any other provision of law.

B. The law enforcement officers or any person appointed for such purpose is hereby authorized and empowered to seize any dogs found upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks or parks of the city in violation of the provisions of this section and to impound and dispose of such dogs. Such persons are further authorized to shoot any dog that cannot be seized when found upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks or parks of the city in violation of the provisions of this section when the dog poses a serious threat to the safety of humans and/or other domestic animals. All dogs running at large upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks, public rights of way, private or public property (except property of the owner or keeper of such dog) are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

C. Any owner of a dog, or the person in lawful care, custody and control of a dog in violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine to be set by the court.

SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION

Summer brings warmer weather, longer days and unfortunately, an increase in burglaries. You can exercise diligence to reduce or eliminate the occurrence of these crimes. Keep vehicles locked with windows up when parked at home. Remove all valuables. Avoid Home Improvement scams. Beware of anyone offering to perform unscheduled home repair or asking to gain entry into your house. Keep doors closed and locked. Vacation plans? Have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your mail and newspapers. Set your home alarm. Set inside lights on timer. Leave a contact number in case of an emergency with a neighbor or friend. LET'S BE SAFE!

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 14, 2016
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 LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater, Becky Schroeder and Carol Speed present. Pat Gibson was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and three guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Sgt. Roberts gave the police report and also spoke about the recent issues with dogs at large and dog bites. He reminded everyone that unless the incident is reported to County Dispatch @ 541-966-3651 it will not be logged and cannot be investigated.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Schroeder* moved and the motion was seconded by Speed to approve the minutes of the 6/9/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Mitchell* made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-14: to apply for ODOT Special City Allotment. Schroeder seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Councilor *Schroeder* made a motion to approve the retail business license of Annette Hammond for Mariposa Pet Supply and Services, with the condition she seek additional council approval before she begins boarding or training pets at her residence. Motion was seconded by Speed and approved 4-0.

Planning Commission: Commissioner Helen Miller reported permit # 2016-09 for Michelle Ward to add a 23' x 20' addition to her home was approved. There is a still vacancy on the Planning Commission, and interested parties are asked to contact City Hall, or write a letter of interest to Mayor John Shafer before August 11, 2016.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well construction is moving right along. They are down to 1,300 feet; the surface and upper casings have been installed and grouted. USDA has approved a \$350,000 grant to assist with construction costs on the water project. Work has begun on the reservoir site and about 40% of the new water lines have been installed.

Anderson Perry has asked the city to write a letter of recommendation for them to have on file, which the Council instructed Nancy to do.

The revised City Ordinances were passed out to councilors. Councilors are to review and a resolution to accept will be discussed at the August meeting.

Pool: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant for \$25,834 was rejected because the work has already been completed. However, they are allowing us to reapply for \$15,000 to replace the existing boiler and sand filters. There have been a few closures due to weather, blood and other foreign matter in the pool. Swimming lessons are in progress and there will be one more session in August. Riley is doing a great job!

The Union Bulletin will be doing an article on the completed pool improvements and the future bathhouse. There will be a pool committee meeting soon to discuss the bathhouse design and ways to assist with fundraising.

New Business: Athena Grocery, Athena One Stop, and The Doubletree Restaurant & Lounge all have liquor licenses that are due for renewal. The Council approved renewal of all the licenses.

Parker reminded councilors that election filings are due by August 30th.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: The audit field work went well. Training on the new Vision MS software begins July 20th. City Hall will be closed July 27th for training in Island City that Michelle & Nancy both need to attend.

Water: Councilor Speed brought up the idea of a installing a decal on the new reservoir as something to consider and discuss at a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm. The next regular council meeting will be August 11, 2016 @ 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.



Dog Ordinance Cont.—**Ordinance 570.15—Public Nuisance**

A. No person owning or having control of any dog shall permit such dog to do ANY of the following:

1. Defecate on private properties in the neighborhood or community (other than that of the owner or the person having control of the animal);
2. Defecate on public property without immediately cleaning or removing the excrement to a proper receptacle;
3. Permit an animal to obstruct the reasonable and comfortable use of property in any neighborhood or community by chasing vehicles, molesting passersby, barking, howling, baying, or making any other noise;
4. Permit unsanitary conditions to exist on the premises where said animal is kept which would cause odors, attract flies, or vermin or otherwise is injurious to public health and safety, or indecent, or offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by the neighborhood, community, or persons.

B. Law enforcement officers may seize and impound any animal causing a public nuisance.

LAWN WATERING

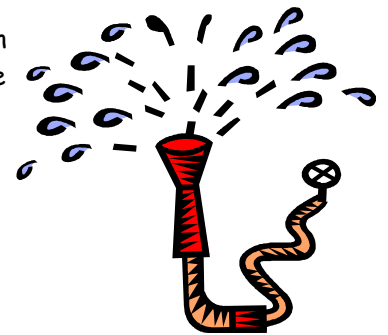
The hot days of August are upon us and all citizens are requested to start watering on "ODD" and "EVEN" days. If your house number is an ODD number, please water on the ODD numbered days of the week. If your house number is an EVEN number, water on the EVEN numbered days of the week.

***** ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS *****

CITY APPRECIATES YOUR EFFORTS TO CUT BACK ON OUTSIDE WATER USE

(Watering early in the morning or in the evening reduces evaporation)

Requested by the Public Works Department of the City of Athena



EXCITING POOL NEWS

The **OPRD** (Oregon Parks & Recreation Department) Commission has approved a Large Local Government **Grant Award to the City of Athena for \$369,500** to replace the existing bathhouse. The City will need to contribute an additional **\$92,000** to the project, which can consist of donations, fundraisers and money budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund. Our goal is to have the new bathhouse ready for pool opening in June 2017.

The City is looking for volunteers to spearhead fundraising projects, promote ideas and also to give input on what the new bathhouse should consist of. Becky Schroeder, Councilor of Parks & Recreation, will be posting meeting notices to the Athena-Weston News Facebook page, so keep watching for your chance to get involved and help make this dream a reality.

Did you know you can contribute \$250, tax deductible, directly to the pool fund!! What a great opportunity to be part of a lasting legacy for our community, and our youth.

ATHENA HAS A GREAT SENSE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE...LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!

Any money raised over the \$92,000 will be used to purchase a splash pad



The East Umatilla County Health District

The Board of Directors met for their regular monthly meeting on July 19, 2016 at the District office located at 431 E. Main Street in Athena. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Vickie Jackson, Vice Chairman Holly Mays, Director Marty Botts and Director Jeremy Lasater present. Absent was Secretary Elizabeth McIntyre. Also present was Administrator Mark Moore and office manager Donna Grimes.

There was a public hearing on July 27, 2016 at the Umatilla County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. in room 130. The Umatilla County Commissioners gave their approval to our request to put on the November 2016 ballot, measures to dissolve our current Health District and form a new Health District with new boundaries. This change will take all Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation lands out of the district and bring in the areas around Adams and Helix which are not currently in the District but are covered. The Board is asking for a new Health District with a tax rate of \$1 per thousand. The Ambulance Service Area and the Health District boundaries would then be the same.

There will be another public hearing at the Umatilla County Courthouse on August 16, 2016. There will be notices posted in Weston, Athena, Adams and Helix with the exact time and place.

At the next EUCHD Board meeting the directors will decide the makeup of the new Board of Directors which will also be on the November 2016 ballot. Their terms would start on July 1, 2017. If you would like to serve as a director for the new District please contact our office at 541-566-3813 or submit a letter to P.O. Box 640, Athena, Oregon 97813. Candidates will need to file for election in September at the County Courthouse. The current Board will decide how many directors will make up the new Board and if they will represent each community or be "at large" positions.

This has been a project twenty years in the making and will allow us to upgrade our service by increasing the staff from one paramedic to three. The Board is also looking at other options for the future. This vote will give us the time and means to upgrade our service for the people that live in Ambulance Service Area #5.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 16, 2016 at the District office starting at 7:00 p.m. We encourage the public to attend.

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