

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



CHRISTMAS

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2016

Citizen of the Year

Don't Forget!! Citizen of the year recommendation forms are available at City Hall & Athena Public Library for you to fill out and submit for the person you feel has done so much to make "Athena A Great Place To Live". The banquet is scheduled for January 16th, so do not put off your submission!!

DECEMBER MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, 6th @ 6.00 pm

Library Board (at Library)

Monday, 12th @ 5 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 7th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 8th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 20th @ 5:30

FOR SALE

*****PROPERTY**

LOCATED AT 124 HIGH STREET***

Minimum bid \$10,000, payable with Cashier's Check made out to City of Athena

Sealed Bids due by 5:00 PM,

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Athena City Hall 302 E Currant St.

Bids will be opened at the December 8th Regular City Council meeting, 6:00 pm at 215 S Third St. Athena OR

REMEMBER TO PACK WATER METERS Weather is getting colder, and water meters have been read for the last time.

So now its time to pack them with a plastic bag full of insulation in the form of leaves, plastic peanuts, or newspapers, until Spring.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Athena Public Library

Tuesday, December 6 @ 4:00pm-6:00pm

Sponsored by the Weston-Athena Lions Club

An amateur photographer will be taking pictures but you are welcome to bring your own camera .

HO HO HO !!!

Candy Cane and Book give away!!



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: November 2016

ILLNESS TRAUMA

Year to Date



CITY NEWS...

December 26th all city offices which includes the library and public works will be closed for the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed January 2nd to celebrate the New Year.

LICENSE RENEWALS: Dog/Cat Licenses, Business Licenses and Livestock License renewals are all due January 2, 2017 Reminders will be mailed in December. If you purchased a license and no longer have your animals, business or livestock please let City Hall know by December 1st. Along the same thought process if you have moved or changed your address, say from a PO Box to mail delivered to your home, please inform City Hall. Remember that all citizens aged 62 or older do not have to purchase an animal license from the city but must still provide proof of rabies vaccinations' according to the State of Oregon.

FIRE SAFETY: With the winter weather setting in, the Athena Fire Department would like to remind all of you to please use caution while using space heaters or any other electrical heating device in your homes. Remember to leave ample space around all heaters, keep away from draperies. You are all very special and we want you to stay safe this winter.

POLICE: If you are leaving home for an extended holiday or for the entire winter and need a little extra security check for your property while you are gone , please come to City Hall and fill out a "Security Check Report".



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MINUTES

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

Business from the Public: April Vorhauer-Flatt, representing the Main Street Association, informed the council they received a grant for the lighting project and would like to hold a lighting ceremony on 12/5 @ 5 pm in Duggar Park. They will have a live Christmas tree, with an opportunity for families to make decorations for the tree at 4 pm at the American Legion Hall prior to the lighting ceremony. Council agreed this was a wonderful idea and fully endorsed the project.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Mitchell moved* and the motion was seconded by Gibson to approve the minutes of the 10/13/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 3-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-20: Authorizing the Payout of Compensatory Time for Public Works employees who, due to the Water Project, have been unable to use their comp time. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Dick Nichols and Jim Webster presented information and answered questions on the recently released Umatilla Basin Watershed Council Fish Passage Feasibility Study and Geomorphic Assessment. The goal of the study is to move fish up Wildhorse Creek and to better handle 100 year storms. Council approval would allow various agencies to seek grants to fund the bridge replacement and channel work upstream. Councilor Schroeder made a motion to accept the preferred alternative of the Fish Passage Feasibility Study, which is to replace the bridge on 3rd street and remove the obstruction in the waterway. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

Planning Commission: Living in RV's without a permit and enforcement was discussed at length. Council's feeling was we should work with individuals to make sure they understand the City's code and help them comply.

Old Business:

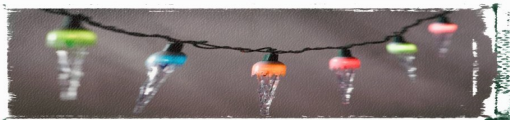
Water System: State building codes has stopped reservoir work pending the land use approval process, which is underway. Councilor Gibson made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Blue Star Well Drilling, which will add \$43,792 back into the contingency and Change Order #1 for Goodman & Melenbacher to add back in the existing reservoir tank painting. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 3-0.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next regular council meeting will be **December 8, 2016 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.



WESTON-MCEWEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov 30	Desales	3:00
Dec 2	@ Ione Tournament	TBA
Dec 3	@ Ione Tournament	TBA
Dec 6	@ Irrigon	3:00
Dec 9	@ Kennedy Tournament	TBA
Dec 10	@ Kennedy Tournament	TBA
Dec 12	@ Mac-Hi	5:00
Dec 13	@ Riverside	3:00
Dec 17	@ Imbler	1:00
Dec 19	Mac Hi	2:00
Dec 21	Enterprise	2:00
Dec 22	Imbler	3:00
Dec 29	Pendleton Tournament	TBA
Dec 30	Pendleton Tournament	TBA
Jan 3	Irrigon	3:00
Jan 6	@ Enterprise	3:00
Jan 10	@ Umatilla	3:00
Jan 13	Bye	
Jan 14	Heppner	1:00
Jan 20	@ Pilot Rock	3:00
Jan 21	Stanfield	1:00
Jan 27	Culver	3:00
Jan 28	Bye	
Feb 3	@ Heppner	3:00
Feb 4	Pilot Rock	1:00
Feb 10	@ Stanfield	3:00
Feb 11	@ Culver	1:00
Feb 17	District Tournament	6:00
Sat 18	District Tournament	1:00

7th ANNUAL ATHENA HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**When: Saturday, Dec 3rd
9:00-3:00**

Where: Athena Elementary Gym

Contact information for any questions
or comments

Katie Zmuda - 541-969-4810

April McKenna - 541-310-9557

Come shop the wide variety of 40+ local and out of town merchants. Santa will be here from 12:00-2:00! There is also a craft corner for the kids, which is stocked with new crafts items and colors too! Come enjoy a day of shopping, food, family & fun!!!



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

What : Christmas Craft Fun

Where: Athena Public Library

When: Tues, Dec 20 @ 10:00 am

Who: All ages (children 8 & under must be accompanied by an older sibling, teen or adult)

Need: Teen and adult assistants (Call 541-566-2470) during open library hours or stop by the library and talk to Carrie)

What: Children's Movie (Title to be Announced)

Where: Athena Public Library (541-566-2470)

When: Wed, Dec 28 @ 2:00 pm

Who: Children 8 & under must be accompanied by older sibling, teen or adult.

Fourth Grade Pokemon Club meets at the library on Thursdays from 3:30-4:45. Pokemon Club will not meet on Dec 22, but will resume weekly play on Dec 29.

"LIGHT UP ATHENA" this holiday season with a Scottish tradition of putting a candle in the window to show the way for visitors. Athena Caledonian Games offers a battery light for your window at the Athena Christmas Bazaar, December 3. In Scotland the Night of Candles is Oidche Choinnle. Send a beacon of welcome from your window.

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