

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL HOURS**

John Shafer, Mayor
Rebecca Schroeder,
Commissioner 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:

Monday – Friday
8am - 5pm
(open during lunch)
Closed
all legal holidays

ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



JULY MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Livestock Commission

Tuesday, 5th @ 5:30 pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 6th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 14th @ 6:00pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 19th @ 5:30 pm

Library Board

Monday 11th @ 7:00 pm

SUMMER READING PROGRAM SIGN-UP @ THE LIBRARY NOW!

The library will be open Caledonian weekend on Sat. July 9 from 8am-1:00pm

2016 Summer Reading Program

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| July 6 | Wed. | 10:00 | "Ready, Set, Shine!"
(Professional Puppeteer!) |
| July 20 | Wed. | 10:00 | Caledonian/Out of the Ordinary |
| July 27 | Wed. | 10:00 | Fuel Your Engine/Healthy Living |
| Aug. 3 | Wed. | 10:00 | Motion/Commotion/Sensory Learning |
| Aug.10 | Wed. | 10:00 | End of Year Party & Prizes |

We are in for a long hot summer so please take precautions with fireworks this holiday and please abide by all burning rules and regulations!
Thank you!

The library website: athenalibrary.weebly.com

541-566-2470

Library Services:

Fax: \$1.00/page

Photocopy: 10 cents/page

Free WiFi during open hours.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
AMERICA**

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 NEWS

I hope by now all of you have had an opportunity to see and enjoy the new improvements that have been made to our city pool. The city is excited to share with you that we have just been awarded a \$369,500 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a new bath house. Construction for the new bath house will begin shortly after the pool closes in August. This is a 90% match and an amazing opportunity for our City! We will be looking for citizen involvement and moving forward with fund raising opportunities and soliciting funds.

Donations for pool improvements were received from Athena Civic Memorial Trust, Dorothy & Ken Bjorklund and Partners Promoting Athena.



Ambulance Calls:

June 2016

[NO INFO](#)

Year -to- date:
TOTAL:



**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL**

June 9, 2016

Attendance: Mayor John Shafer called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:02 pm in the City's community room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, Chet Sater, LaVerne Mitchell and Carol Speed present. Becky Schroeder 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: Main Street Association - A note was read thanking the City for their donation to purchase food for the City Wide Clean-Up. April Vorhauer-Flatt asked the councils permission to close 4th street from Sugar Shack to Napa and north to the alley, to hold a street dance on 6/25/16 from 6-9 pm. Mitchell made a motion to allow the street closure upon the condition residents along the street are notified and Hodaka approves. Motion passed 4-0.

Vorhauer-Flatt also reported the Tuesday Market is doing well at its new location. She thanked the City for funding the porta potties, and mentioned the only concern in the area was the smell coming from the Funk building; which is making vendors ill if they are too close to it.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Speed moved* and the motion was seconded by Sater to approve the minutes of the 5/11/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Mitchell made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-11: Election to Receive State Revenue Sharing. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Councilor *Speed made a motion* to adopt Resolution 2016-12: Adopting the Budget, Imposing the Tax and Categorizing the Tax. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Speed motioned* to approve Resolution 2016-13: Accept and Expense Grant Funds and Donations Received for the Swimming Pool Project. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 4-0.

Councilor Mitchell moved and the motion to adopt Ordinance #1020-Renewal of Cascade Gas Franchise Fee was seconded by Gibson and approved 4-0.

Planning Commission: Parker reported that building permits were approved for the Athena Weston School District to build a concession stand near the track; and for Michelle Ward to pursue building a moveable beauty salon that would be located behind Highland Quilts at 312 Main Street.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well construction is moving right along. They are down to 850 feet, the surface casing has been installed and grouted and the upper casing will be grouted next week. Due to the higher construction costs than anticipated USDA has offered a \$350,000 grant to the City to make up the difference. This is a rare event due to the lack of availability of grant funds, so the City is very fortunate. The Contractor is ready to proceed on the reservoir site and will begin next week.

Pool: The pool opened on June 8th and is beautiful!!

Nancy Parker and Michael & John Shafer traveled to Salem on June 3rd to make a \$369,500 grant presentation to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a new bathhouse. Shafer gave high praise to Parker for her presentation, and on June 7th the City was informed the grant will be awarded in full on June 29th. This is a 90% match and an amazing opportunity for our City! We will be looking for citizen involvement and moving forward with fund raising opportunities and soliciting funds.

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New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Michelle Fox is attending PD1 this week, and Nancy will be attending PD4, then PD3 the following two weeks.

Councilor Sater reminded everyone it is going to be a bad fire season this year and to please be very careful when burning.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm. The next regular council meeting will be July 14, 2016 @ 6:00 pm in the Athena City Hall meeting room

*Minutes are subject to council approval, any correction's or additions will appear in the next newsletter.

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

The June 21, 2016, monthly meeting of the East Umatilla County Health was held at the District office in Athena starting at 7:00. Chairman Vickie Jackson of Weston, Vice Chairman Holly Mays of Weston, Secretary Elizabeth McIntyre of Athena, Director Marty Botts of Athena and Director Jeremy Lasater were present. Also present was Administrator Mark Moore and office manager Donna Grimes.

The City Councils of Adams, Helix, Weston and Athena all voted to allow the District to place measures on the November 2016 ballot to dissolve the current District and form a new one with different boundaries and a new tax rate of \$1.00 per thousand.

At the same time, we vote to form a new District we will be voting on a new Board of directors. We will be looking for interested citizens from the Adams and Helix areas to serve on the board. The thought right now is to continue with a 5-member Board but have a representative from Adams, Helix, Weston and Athena with 1 director at large from with the District area.

In accordance with ORS 198.835, the Umatilla County Commissioners have set a hearing at the County Courthouse on July 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in room 130 to discuss the proposed formation of the new Health District. The purpose of the District will be to provide ambulance services to the Athena, Adams, Helix and Weston areas. The boundaries of the proposed District will be the boundaries of the Umatilla County Ambulance Service Area #5, excluding properties on the Umatilla Indian Reservation which are now in the area. When the original District was formed the tribe did not have any Emergency Medical Services so Medic 400 covered the area to the Umatilla River. The Tribes have established their own EMS agency so they have applied to Umatilla County to have coverage of all tribal lands returned to them.

All interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard on the formation of the District.

A "Friends of the Ambulance" Committee is being formed to help educate the public, organize community meetings and handle publicity leading up to the vote. If you would like to help please contact the District office at 541-566-3813 or contact Elizabeth McIntyre.

CITY HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY!



Tuesday Market

Main Street

Come to shop local vendors, eat great food and listen to music.

The more you shop the more chances you will have to win a raffle item!

For more information or to be a vendor call Katie Zmuda at [541-969-4810](tel:541-969-4810)

or email athenatuesdaymarket@yahoo.com

No vendor fee

Athena Caledonian Games

July 8-10 @ Athena City Park &

Weston-McEwen High School Field

Parade, Piping, Dancing, Athletic Games, Sheep Dog Trials, Vendors,

Church in the Park, Music

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!

Marjorie Warren, Guest Artist

Athena Caledonian Games creates a focus on fiber arts and weaving this year. Weavers and fiber artists will be especially interested in hearing a special guest from North Carolina who is an expert tartan weaver and fiber artist.

Athena Caledonian Games welcomes Marjorie Warren, weaver, Scottish tartan expert, teacher, lecturer and award winning tartan designer. She will demonstrate tartan-weaving techniques and she brings her 18th Century Scottish costumes to share in talks about Scottish history and culture.

Ms. Warren, from Asheville, North Carolina, researches ancient tartans and commissions new tartans. She was commissioned to produce tartans for the Governor's Mansion in North Carolina, The Ambassador to Great Britain and for the Rev. Billy Graham. She has created new tartans and registered them with The Scottish Tartan Authority for the Grandfather Highland Games (GA), Lees-McRae College (NC) and the Charleston (SC) Police Pipe Band.

She has earned many awards for her work for Scottish Culture and history. She received the Flora McDonald Award from St. Andrews College (NC). She is a founding member of the Scottish Spinning and Weaving Society and she represented the British Woolen Industry at a special exhibition in Japan. She is a member of the Scottish Tartan Authority (USA) and the Scottish Tartan Museum in Franklin (NC). She travels throughout the United States and Scotland teaching, demonstrating and conducting tartan workshops and textile travel tours. This is the first time she has traveled to the West and Caledonian is honored to welcome her.

Caledonian read about Mrs. Warren in the Highlander Magazine, sent her a congratulatory note and invited her to come to Athena. It was a gamble: that she would either get a good laugh or ask, "Where's Athena?" The rest is history, they say. Ms Warren is adventurous and it is exciting to have her be part of our program.

Quilt Turning

Fiber artists will enjoy the Caledonian Quilt Show called a Quilt Turning. It is produced by the Athena Old Batts. It will be shown twice on Saturday and once on Sunday in the cafeteria of Athena Elementary school. Of special interest is a small quilt, from Athena, made of Pendleton Wool during World War II. Exciting examples of quilts gathered from the Athena area will be shown. The quilts' stories shared are stories of quilt makers, quilting techniques and family history.

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