

**CITY COUNCIL**

**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:  
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**CITY HALL HOURS**

Monday – Friday  
8am - 5pm  
(open during lunch)  
**Closed**

**All departments of the City of Athena including the library will be closed May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial day.**

**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:  
MAY 2016**

[NO INFO](#)

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



**ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016**



**JUNE MEETINGS**

*All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.*

**Livestock Commission**

As Needed

**Library Board**

Monday 13th @ 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission**

Wednesday, 8th @ 6:30 pm

**City Council Meeting**

Thursday, 9th @ 6:30 pm

**Cemetery Meeting**

Tuesday, 21st @ 5:30 pm

**Chamber of Commerce**

Thursday, 30th @ 6:00 pm



**SWIMMING POOL IS READY**

As most of you are aware, the city pool has been under construction for quite some time. We are excited to inform you that the pool is now ready for summer fun!

The pool looks beautiful and will be a great place for all your summer fun. We are now accepting reservations for swimming lessons. We will be offering three sessions as usual at the cost of \$25.00 per session. Sessions dates are June 20-July 1, July 11-22, and August 1-12. Please call city hall if you are interested in signing your children up for swimming lessons. Family swim passes are also available at the cost of \$75.00 per family. Immediate family only on passes. Hope to see you all at the pool!

**PUBLIC SAFTEY REMINDER**

This is just a friendly reminder that there are a lot of phone scams being reported recently. Please remember to NEVER give out your personal information (SS#, account #'s, etc). You should also complete an annual credit check to look for any fraudulent activity that may be occurring .

**Athena Public Library**

**Summer Reading Program**

June 22	Wed.	10:00am	Stomp Like a Mammoth
June 29	Wed.	10:00am	Olympics & Amazing Race
July 6	Wed.	10:00am	Puppeteer
July 20	Wed.	10:00am	Caledonian/Out of the Ordinary
July 27	Wed.	10:00am	Fuel Your Engine/Healthy Living
August 3	Wed.	10:00am	Motion Commotion/Sensory Learning
August 10	Wed.	10:00am	End of Year Party & Prizes

Thursday, June 23, Hodaka will celebrate the beginning of the weekend with their ice cream social at the library. Friends of Janet Mandaville are invited to the gathering to meet Janet's daughter, Alison, and reminisce with the group. Ice cream was one of Janet's favorite foods. She was a true and dedicated volunteer and promoter of the library and Hodaka.

The Library will be open on Saturday, June 25, 8:00-1:00 for Hodaka guests.

More information is available at the library or call 541-566-2470.



## MINUTES OF THE MAY 11th REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 2016

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

**Business from the Public:** Police Report - Sergeant Roberts presented the report and noted areas police are concentrating patrols in. There was also discussion about bringing the radar speed trailer in.

East Umatilla Health District: Jeremy Lasater, accompanied by Mark Moore & Elizabeth McIntyre, presented information on the formation of a new health district, why it would benefit the surrounding communities and the process that needs to happen. After clarifying the council is not endorsing the proposal but simply allowing it to go to the voters Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Resolution 2016-10 - To Support Presenting A Question To The Voters Regarding Formation Of A New Health District. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and carried 4-0.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilor *Mitchell moved* and the motion was seconded by Gibson to approve the minutes of the 4/14/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:** Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-09 to transfer contingency funds in the State Revenue Sharing Fund to line items City Park Trees & City Projects to cover cost overruns. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Councilor Schroeder moved to allow alcohol in the park for adults only attending a graduation party on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Gibson motioned* to approve a business license for "JP Custom Fabrications", owned by John Pittman. Motion was seconded by Sater and approved 4-0.

**Planning Commission:** Commissioner Helen Miller reported building permits were approved for Jason & Nicole McLouth for new construction; Barry Warner & Paula Reich for a home renovation and addition; and a temporary permit for Robbie Bates. Due to the resignation of Alan Schroeder Brenda Vorhauer was appointed Vice Chair. The commission is also looking for a volunteer to fill the vacancy.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** Brad Baird gave a status update on the well construction, reported the bid results for the remaining improvements, and discussed the budget shortfall and options to proceed due to the reservoir bids coming in \$300,000 higher than expected. After discussion and explanation Councilor Schroeder moved to allocate \$175,000 from the Utility System Improvement Reserve Fund Contingency (gl 60-10-9500) to be set aside as a construction contingency reserve for the Water System Improvement Project. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

To reduce the reservoir bid, Baird suggested we remove the existing tank painting from the contract for the time being, then if funds allow once construction is completed, add the painting back in. He has discussed this with the Goodman & Mehlenbacher Ent. Inc., who had the low bid, and they are fine with that. Councilor Mitchell made a motion to award the project bid to Goodman & Mehlenbacher Ent. Inc., less the tank painting and subject to USDA approval. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 4-0.

**Pool:** The bathhouse grant in the amount of \$369,500 has been reviewed by Oregon Parks and Recreation District and we have been invited to make a presentation - which is the final step in the approval process. Nancy & John will be making the presentation, with Michael Shafer assisting in preparing the power point and speech. A \$10,000 grant was awarded from Oregon Community Foundation, and another \$5,000 was awarded from Wildhorse Foundation. The \$25,834 small grant from OPRD has been accepted and goes to the review committee next.

The caulking and pool coating will be applied next week, with the pool being filled on Friday. The lifeguards attended certification training this week and will be ready when the pool open Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** The remainder of the trees have been removed from the south side of Main Street and a bid of \$5,300 for sidewalk repair was received from Thacker Construction.



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**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Parker reminded Mayor Shafer, Councilors Schroeder & Gibson their terms would end December 31, 2016 and passed out election information. She also passed out copies of the re-issued audit and explained a grant resolution not being added to the Capital Projects Fund led to the re-issue.

It was announced Nancy has received her Certified Municipal Clerks Certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Mayor Shafer read an email he received from Monica Simmons, President of IIMC, announcing the achievement.

**Library:** Mayor Shafer appointed Rebecca Jensen to the Athena Library Board. In addition to her written report Librarian Carrie Bremer detailed some of the budget challenges the Umatilla County Special Library District is experiencing.

**Public Works:** Mike Dowd is back to work and things are going smoothly. They are planning to replace 27 fire hydrants this year.

**Mayor Shafer:** The response to the ballot box outside City Hall has been terrific. The County election Department is pleased with the usage it is receiving and it will likely be a permanent fixture.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be June 9, 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.

**Annual Cancer Walk**

The Seventh Annual Cancer Walk will be held June 18th beginning at 8 am with a 5 and a 7K walk. Registration at 7:30 am in the park. Once again, US Bank of Athena will be spearheading the walk. Activities include a free pancake breakfast after the walk; a silent auction; live music on the walk and/or in the park, T- Shirts for sale, activities for children. "Proceeds donated to St. Mary Cancer Center Patient Special Needs Fund. This fund helps support the extra expenses that arise for patients and their families in our region during the diagnosis and treatment time including travel expenses, food, lodging, medication and wigs." Contact US Bank for details.

**Public Budget Hearing**

**City of Athena**

A public meeting of the Athena City Council will be held on June 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm at 215 S Third Street, Athena, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 as approved by the Athena Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 302 E Currant Street Athena Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

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**TUESDAY MARKET**

**Come to downtown Athena every Tuesday evening of the month from May-October to shop local vendors, eat great food and listen to music.**

**The market is now is Duggar Park**

**For more information on being a vendor, providing music and entertainment or promoting your organization, please contact Katie Zmuda at 541.696.4811 or online at athenatuesdaymarket@yahoo.com. Like us on Facebook!**

**\*\*\* NO VENDOR FEE\*\*\***



### *Thank you!!*

*To all our citizens who participated in the City Wide Clean up .*

*A special thank you to CPS, Mainstreet Association and those of you who donated your trucks to help haul garbage to the dump.*

*THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS*

*WE APPRECIATE ALL WHO DONATED THEIR TIME!!*

### **Dogs at Large Still a Problem**

We need your help! If you have an animal, please be a responsible animal owner. We have too many dogs running at large in the city. If you take your dog out for a walk, please keep it on a leash and out of other people's yards. Also, your dog is your responsibility, please clean up after it!

Thanks for your help....

### SAVE THE DATES

June	Tuesday Evening Market 4:00 –7:00 pm on Main Street
June 4-5	Pioneer Days - Weston
June 4	Athena Swimming pool opens
June 12	Weston-McEwen Golf Tournament
June 18	Athena Cancer Walk 8:00 am
June 19	Father's Day
June 23-26	Hodaka Days
July 8-10	Caledonian Games

### **Caledonian Quilt Turning**

**July 9 & 10, 2016**

Athena Elementary School Cafeteria

By: Athena Old Quilt Batts

Please share your quilt for a Quilt Turning Show. The first 20 full or queen-sized quilts will be used in the Turning. Twin, lap-sized or wall hangings will also be displayed.

Quilts must be labeled.

Share your quilt's story.

Bring quilts for the Turning to City Hall on June 24 between 1 PM and 5 PM. The Quilt Turning is a very personal experience of sharing colorful quilts that we love and cherish. Watch Caledonian web site at [www.athenacaledoniangames.org](http://www.athenacaledoniangames.org) for the schedule of events for the times of the Turnings. Please pick up your quilt after Sunday's Turning.

For information, call: Diane Camera 541.566.2820 330 W Garfield  
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