

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

Reminder:

The City Offices and
Athena Public Library
will be closed on
Monday, October 10,
2016 in observance of
Columbus 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:
September 2016**

14

**Year -to- date:
135**



ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2016

**ATHENA FALL FESTIVAL Saturday October 1st 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Main Street
DON'T MISS THE FUN!! Call Paula Babb @ 541-566-3861 or Deb Castor 541-566-2902
for more info!!**

OCTOBER MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless
otherwise noted

Library Board (at Library)

Monday, October 10th @ 7:00

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 12th @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday 13th @ 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 18th @ 5:30 pm



**ATHENA CITY HALL
CLOSURES**

October 4-7th,
October 10th & 12th

These closures are due to staff
training and medical issues.
Please put payments in the
drobox outside City Hall. It
will be emptied daily. We are
sorry for any inconvenience
this may cause.

**ATHENA BATH-
HOUSE PROJECT**

GoFundMe page for the bath house fund-
raiser. Please share with your family,
friends, and community!

<http://www.gofundme.com/2pzvejw>

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

COME GET YOUR FLU SHOT!!!!

October 11, 2016

Athena City Hall

8:00-10:00 AM

Sponsored by Bi-Mart

ATHENA FALL FESTIVAL

Come and join the fun with music, car show, vendors, food, kids area, fundraising,
and all kinds of fun for the family

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR TALENTS

Just grab your table and come on down
Overflow your gardens? Come sell your extras!

Enjoy baking? Come sell your goods!

Like arts & crafts? Come sell your creations!

Have a hobby? You get the idea!

Sat. Oct. 1st from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Main Street Athena, Oregon

NO CHARGE FOR VENDOR SPACE

Contact Paula Babb 541-566-3861

WATER PAYMENT CHANGES

The city has a new computer system and as you may have noticed your
account number has changed. Along with this, the portion of the bill you
return has also changed. Please bring or send in the large half of the bill.
This will save staff time in input. We would like to thank everyone for
your patience as we become familiar with this new process.



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 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, LaVerne Mitchell, Becky Schroeder, Chet Sater and Carol Speed present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and one guest were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Bob Johns from the Athena Christian Church requested permission to hang a banner promoting the Luis Palau event across Main Street. ODOT requires the City's permission, even though it is a State owned street. Schroeder moved to allow the banner, second was made by Gibson and motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Speed moved* and the motion was seconded by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the 8/11/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-16: To Accept and Expense the OPRD Bathhouse Grant. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0; a contract from Seder Architecture for the Bathhouse was reviewed. Schroeder motioned to approve, with a second by Speed. Motion carried 5-0.

Planning Commission: The September meeting was cancelled due to a lack of business.

Mayor Shafer received two letters of interest in the Planning Commission vacancy. He appointed Robin Pickard to fill Alan Schroeder's term, which expires 12/31/2017.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well work is proceeding nicely and should be complete by the Council meeting in October. The Well Permit has been initially approved for the full 2.23 cfs below 1,300 ft.

All of the new water mains have been installed and the remaining improvements are proceeding nicely. Baird stated work on the City's Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) is underway, and will be included in the current project funding.

Pool: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant pays 79.98% of the costs of the Bathhouse, up to \$369,500, with the City paying the balance. The City must spend the money upfront, and then be reimbursed by OPRD.

New Business: Information on Elected Officials Training and Oregon Government Ethics Law was presented. It was suggested the Council revisit this after the elections in November.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Nancy is working on glitches with the new computer system, specifically the water & sewer bills. Michelle is home and slowly improving - no word on when she will return to work. Council gave Nancy permission to close for Round-Up, the OAMR Conference and the scheduled Vision Software Conference October 4-7th. The office may be closed as necessary until Michelle returns.

Due to the increased work load, there will be no September newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm. The next regular council meeting will be October 13, 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.*



East Umatilla County Health District Medic 400

PO Box 640, Athena, OR 97813

The East Umatilla County Health District wants to serve the citizens of East County with professional ambulance services. The board has decided to put forward two ballot measures (**30-122 and 30-120**) to voters for the November, 2016 election. The board believes that passing these measures, which will call for the redistricting of the tax area and increased funding (\$1.00 per \$1,000), is the best approach to providing timely and professional care for the districts' medical emergencies for many years to come. All ballot measures must pass in order for the continuation of East County's emergency services.

Our History

The East County district was formed in 1988 and was allowed to receive taxes from what is known as the Athena-Weston School District boundary. The district has the responsibility to provide service to what is known as ASA -5 (Ambulance Service Area). ASA-5 includes a large portion of the geographical area encompassing the cities of Athena, Weston, Helix and Adams, as well as the Tollgate area, which is a much larger area than the school district boundary.

The Reality

- Current levels of staffing do not meet the needs of a 24/7 service. Additional ambulance personnel must be hired to provide the needed coverage while a volunteer force continues to be developed
- In order to be considered an ALS provider, additional money is needed to bring our services to the level necessary to be truly considered ALS providers
- Ambulances must be outfitted with state and/or federally approved equipment—upgrading and replacing said equipment costs monies but are also necessary for providing efficient and appropriate care for citizens
- Ambulances must be maintained at certain minimum levels—replacing ambulances are expenses that must be budgeted for

The Ballot Measures

- Ballot Measure 30-122** concerns the dissolution of the current district which by law has to happen before the reformation can take place.
- Ballot Measure 30-120** will be asking voters to approve the formation of the new district and change the permanent tax rate from the current \$.14 per \$1,000 to \$1.00 per \$1,000.

Until the ballot measures pass, the District will continue to be covered and mutual aid agreements will continue to stay in place.

What are the end results?

There is peace of mind in knowing that quality and efficient care is available only minutes away. Accidents, illness, and trauma happen and when families, friends, and communities are affected, citizens can be assured that emergency services appropriate to meet any need, will respond quickly and with the equipment needed to save lives. Additionally, all those who are within the new district will be paying for essential services that make our communities stronger, safer, and more livable.

With the approval of the ballot measures, which both must pass in order to be implemented, changes in the ambulance board become necessary. A new board of directors will be needed to lead the East Umatilla County Health District. These will be "at large" positions, but it is our hope that all four cities will put forward people to serve.

Additional articles of information will be available on the East Umatilla County Health District's website @ <http://www.euchd.com/>.

Please contact the president of the board, Vickie Jackson or Administrator Mark Moore for any additional information or to answer questions.



(Luis Palau)

Confident Hope!

Looking for Hope in our upside down world? Saturday, **October 15** at Weston McEwen High School

12 noon -- In front of the high school. Vic Murphy - PRO BMX Rider. Check it out!

2:00 pm -- In the gym -- Luis Palau, international Christian speaker based in Portland, Oregon. Learn how to have confident hope in an upside down world. Buried by Life -- Raised by Hope!

Come enjoy a FREE afternoon for everyone. For information, call 541-969-8006 or 541-969-2156.

Please Drive Slow—Children are out and they forget to watch for cars.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The weather is changing. Time to start looking for some great fall novels! Check out what your child is reading so you will know what books they'll want for Christmas.

Watch our website and facebook about Story Time news.

www.athenalibrary.weebly.com

Harvest Parties

Monday, OCTOBER 31, 6-7:30 pm at Athena Christian Church.

A fun and safe atmosphere for your **kids through 5th grade!** FREE games, prizes, candy, refreshments.

TEEN HARVEST PARTY! Same night, 7:30-9:00 pm, for grades 6-12; At Athena Christian Youth Room.

Games and refreshments For information call 541-566-3422.

Athena Caledonian Games'

Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25 at 6:15 PM at Athena Christian Church dining room for a soup and potluck diner. Bring your appetite and a dish to share.

Election of officers and plans begin for next year

Mark your calendar for Caledonian July 8 & 9, 2017!

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