

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

LOST & FOUND

Black Seaside hoodie sweatshirt left at Parks & Recreation program. Please claim at city hall

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: AUGUST 2015

ILLNESS TRAUMA
No Information Available

Year -to- date: TOTAL:



ATHENA CITY NEWSLETTER 2015

Due to the continuing hot days, the City is still calling for **MANDATORY** water rationing. Our wells are now running low and we need all the citizens of Athena to do their part to conserve water. Remember to only water your lawn on the ODD/EVEN rotation. The City appreciates your cooperation.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted

Livestock Commission

Tuesday 1st @ 6:00 pm

Library Board (at Library)

Monday 14th @ 7pm

Planning Commission

Wednesday, 9th @ 6:30pm

City Council Meeting

Thursday, 10th @ 6:30pm

Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd @ 5:30 pm

FIRE AND DRY WEEDS

The City of Athena, along with the entire north-west, is experiencing a very hot dry summer. Residents are asked to be mindful of dry weeds growing on property. These weeds create conditions that are ripe for a devastating fire. All it takes is a spark, a match, or a careless act and your home, as well as those surrounding it, could go up in flames. We have all seen the devastation being caused by fires surrounding us. Please do not contribute to these conditions.

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Until further notice, the Umatilla County Commissioners have issued a burn ban, which includes household burn barrels and residential burning.

School Days!!!!

School is back in session, and little people are walking, running and biking to and fro. PLEASE, WATCH CAREFULLY FOR THESE EXCITED CHILDREN AS THEY MAY FORGET TO WATCH FOR YOU!!

_LIBRARY NEWS

The **Athena Public Library will be closed on Thursday, September 10**, to enable the librarian to attend a training session in Ritzville.

Story Time Begins: Monday, September 21 @ 10:30am!

Children ages birth-6 yrs. are welcome.

Kim French, local citizen and retired teacher, has volunteered to lead story time this year. A fresh face and new ideas can only enhance this time with your child.

Two of our goals are to work with the 6 early literacy skills for kindergarten readiness and to encourage our children to become life-time readers.

Your library is now accepting donations of music cd's and DVD's. Disks must be in their original cases.

Needed: Volunteers for light housekeeping at the library.

ALFA

The **Athena Library Friends Assoc.** annual meeting is **Thursday, October 8 @ 7:00pm.** at the library.

All citizens are encouraged to join the ALFA organization to support library programming and collections. Membership dues are just \$10.00 per person and must be paid prior to the meeting to qualify your decision-making votes. Watch, listen, or call the library (541-566-2470) for more news about the presenter for the evening event. Dues may be paid at the library or mailed to ALFA, P.O. Box 576, Athena, OR 97813.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

Attendance: City Council President John Shafer called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:30 pm in the City's community room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater and Becky Schroeder present. Councilor Carol Speed was excused. Recorder Nancy Parker and five guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: None

Planning Commission: Commissioner Helen Miller reported the planning commission meeting was cancelled.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Schroeder moved* and the motion was seconded by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the 7/16/15 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to accept Resolution # 2015-14, to Accept and Expense a \$2,000 donation from Northwest Grain Growers for the pool project. Sater seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Sater also suggested Nancy call Wilbur-Ellis about a donation. Guest Janet Mandaville suggested contacting Wal-Mart.

Ordinance #730, Banning Marijuana related Businesses in the City of Athena, was reviewed. Councilor *Mitchell moved* to approve Ordinance #730, motion was seconded by Schroeder and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Gibson moved* to approve a business license for "Shot in the Dark", who designs & manufactures hobby and radio control related parts and accessories. The business is owned by Joshua and Stacie Richmond-Owens. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

Umatilla County Elections requested permission to install a ballot box outside City Hall. After discussion, *Schroeder moved* to approve the installation of a ballot box and Mitchell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: Brad Baird reported the Water Project application was approved by USDA, and should receive funding in the next fiscal year, which begins in October. Interest rates are projected to drop 1/8th of a percent, and the timing is good for the bidding process as contractors are generally slower this time of year and looking for projects. He also presented the Council an updated timeline.

Pool: The lifeguards completed the summer recreation program and were praised for doing a wonderful job under difficult circumstances. A Go-Fund-Me account for the pool was discussed, as well as ways for interested parties to make tax deductible donations to the pool project. Mayor Shafer will approach The Main Street Association about partnering with the City and Parker will check with the auditors.

New Business: None

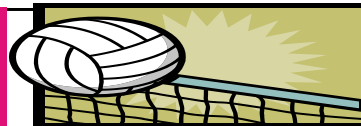
Business from the Departments:

Public Works: Water restrictions are still in effect. Citizens are asked to please use water conservatively.

Administration: City Hall will be closed August 24th. It will also close at noon on September 17th and all day the 18th. Parker thanked all those who attended the Ethics Training held on the 19th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm. The next regular council meeting will be September 10, 2015 @ 6:30 pm in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

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



WESTON-MCEWEN ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

<i>Sept 4</i>	<i>Grant Union</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Oct 9</i>	<i>Pilot Rock</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Sept 11</i>	<i>@Imbler</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Oct 16</i>	<i>Irrigon</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Sept 17</i>	<i>@Waitsburg/Prescott</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>@Culver</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Sept 25</i>	<i>Mac-Hi</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Heppner</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Oct 2</i>	<i>@Stanfield</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>Nov 7-28</i>	<i>State Play-offs</i>	

VOLLEYBALL

<i>August 27</i>	<i>Dufur/Imbler</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Sept 24</i>	<i>@Stanfield</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>August 29</i>	<i>@Grant Union Tourn</i>	<i>??</i>	<i>Sept 26</i>	<i>@LaGrande Tourn</i>	<i>??</i>
<i>Sept 1</i>	<i>@Umatilla</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>@Irrigon</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>Sept 4</i>	<i>Union</i>	<i>5:00</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Stanfield (PR/Heppner)</i>	<i>12:00</i>
<i>Sept 5</i>	<i>@Heppner Tourn</i>	<i>8:00</i>	<i>Oct 8</i>	<i>@Culver</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>Sept 10</i>	<i>@Dayton</i>	<i>5:00</i>	<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>Pilot Rock</i>	<i>3:00</i>
<i>Sept 11</i>	<i>@Imbler</i>	<i>5:00</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>@Irrigon (3-Way)</i>	<i>12:00</i>
<i>Sept 14</i>	<i>@WWVA/Umatilla</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>	<i>Stanfield</i>	<i>4:00</i>
<i>Sept 18</i>	<i>@Baker Tourn</i>	<i>???</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>District @ Culver</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Sept 22</i>	<i>Heppner</i>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Oct 31- Nov 7</i>	<i>State Rounds</i>	<i>TBA</i>

CROSS COUNTRY

Schedule not available

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

School will be starting soon, which means children are riding bikes & walking to and from school. Because they sometimes forget to look, drivers need to be extra cautious. Parents—remind your children to stop at crosswalks and look both ways. Drivers, take an extra look before pulling out!

LETS MAKE THIS A SAFE AND HAPPY SCHOOL YEAR

CITY HALL CLOSURE

City Hall, Public Works, and the Athena Library will all be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day. City Hall will also be closed at noon on Sept. 17th and all day the 18th for Round-up.



AUGUST

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congrats to Sunset Housing



Riley, Peyton, Charlie & Sebastian making paper bag puppets



Gabe, Peyton, Brendan & Sean busy at work.

THANK YOU LIFEGUARDS!!

Although the pool was not open this summer due to construction, our lifeguards Riley Faircloth, Brendan Dearing, Anna Gilsdorf and Caleb Olson did an outstanding job providing a summer program for our local children. They had water fights, made ice cream & bread, played outdoor games, and made numerous crafts. They enjoyed pizza & movies at the library and had an all around good time. We cannot thank them enough for creating this program from scratch and providing an alternative form of entertainment when plans changed unexpectedly.

GREAT JOB RILEY, BRENDAN, ANNA & CALEB

Caleb, Charlie, Sebastian, Gabe & Peyton making ice cream .



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