

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

October 13, 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 two guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:** Undersheriff Jim Littlefield gave the police report. He also explained and answered questions about new recruits, certified officers and how billable hours are calculated.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilor *Speed moved* and the motion was seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes of the 9/8/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:** Mayor Shafer appointed Deborah Johns to the Library Board. Councilor *Speed made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-17: Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property at 124 E High. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Councilor Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-18: Accept and Expense Blue Mountain Community Foundation Grant for \$5,000 and Resolution # 2016-19: Accept and Expense OPRD Grant for \$15,000. Note, councilor copies of the OPRD grant read \$5,000, when it is actually \$15,000. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 5-0. Councilor Gibson made a motion to approve a business license for Chopin Wind, LLC. Motion was seconded by Schroeder and approved 5-0.

**Planning Commission:** The Commissioners welcomed new member Robin Pickard, who is filling out Alan Schroeder's term. Due to time constraints Chairman Lloyd Shank approved permit # 2016-11 for Jim Chambers to erect a pole building garage & carport. The commission also approved permit # 2016-12 to allow Diamond Eye to attach a 50' x 80' lean-to to one of the buildings for storing aluminum tubing.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** Brad Baird reported the well is finished and has been pump tested. All the new water main lines have been installed and service connections are underway. Work is progressing quickly on the reservoir. It was suggested the city contact the school about allowing students to go inside once the reservoir is complete. It will be a once in a lifetime experience, and one they will never forget. Brad also suggested the city consider GIS mapping for water and sewer lines, pending available funds.

**Pool:** The pool committee is working on fundraising ideas.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Nancy is working on glitches with the new computer system, specifically the water & sewer bills. Michelle is slowly improving and hopes to return to work soon. The Vision Software Conference was very informative and helpful. Due to prior commitments, the office may be closed October 19-23 if Michelle is not back, or open limited hours if she is. Nancy will be on vacation November 7-11.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next regular council meeting will be **November 3, 2016 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_