

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 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, and Becky Schroeder present. Chet Sater and Carol Speed were excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and three guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:** April Vorhauer-Flatt, representing the Main Street Association, informed the council they received a grant for the lighting project and would like to hold a lighting ceremony on 12/5 @ 5 pm in Duggar Park. They will have a live Christmas tree, with an opportunity for families to make decorations for the tree at 4 pm at the American Legion Hall prior to the lighting ceremony. Council agreed this was a wonderful idea and fully endorsed the project.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilor *Mitchell moved* and the motion was seconded by Gibson to approve the minutes of the 10/13/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 3-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:** Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-20: Authorizing the Payout of Compensatory Time for Public Works employees who, due to the Water Project, have been unable to use their comp time. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Dick Nichols and Jim Webster presented information and answered questions on the recently released Umatilla Basin Watershed Council Fish Passage Feasibility Study and Geomorphic Assessment. The goal of the study is to move fish up Wildhorse Creek and to better handle 100 year storms. Council approval would allow various agencies to seek grants to fund the bridge replacement and channel work upstream. Councilor Schroeder made a motion to accept the preferred alternative of the Fish Passage Feasibility Study, which is to replace the bridge on 3<sup>rd</sup> street and remove the obstruction in the waterway. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

**Planning Commission:** Living in RV's without a permit and enforcement was discussed at length. Council's feeling was we should work with individuals to make sure they understand the City's code and help them comply.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** State building codes has stopped reservoir work pending the land use approval process, which is underway. Councilor Gibson made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Blue Star Well Drilling, which will add \$43,792 back into the contingency and Change Order #1 for Goodman & Melenbacher to add back in the existing reservoir tank painting. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 3-0.

**New Business:** None

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next regular council meeting will be **December 8, 2016 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

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

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