

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

December 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 LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater, Becky Schroeder and Carol Speed present. Councilors Pat Gibson was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and one guest were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: None

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Speed moved*, and the motion was seconded by Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the 11/17/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Hunter Sater and Bailey Hillmick would like to install a permanent sound system at the softball field for their Milestone project at Weston-McEwen High School. Councilor *Schroeder moved* to allow the project, with a second by Mitchell. Motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Shafer reappointed Everett Pixler & Brenda Vorhauer to four year terms on the Planning Commission.

No bids were received for the City property at 124 High Street. The Council would like Parker to contact Jerry Baker about listing the property, and report the information at the next meeting.

The fee schedule was reviewed. After discussion, Councilor *Mitchell moved* to increase the Door Hanger fee to \$25, beginning in January. Motion was seconded by Schroeder and carried 4-0.

Councilor *Speed moved* to approve Athena-Weston School District's requested to place a permanent school crossing sign base, with a removable flag, on 5th street. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and passed 4-0.

Planning Commission: Recorder Parker reported there were no new building permit applications.

Old Business:

Water System: Due to the weather, Brad Baid was unable to attend but did send a written report. Remaining water line improvements are proceeding nicely. The reservoir is still under a delay pending Umatilla County land use approval. The comment period ends December 19th, and all permits have been submitted. The budget is in good shape with approximately \$92,000 remaining in the contingency fund.

New Business: Election certification was received from Umatilla County Elections, with John Shafer elected Mayor, and Becky Schroeder & Pat Gibson as City Councilors. Congratulations and Thank You for your service to our community!!

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Fire: Councilor Sater reported the Fire Department would like to purchase a used fire truck for sale by the College Place Fire Department for \$20,000. \$16,000 would come from the Fire Truck reserve balance in Capital Funds, and \$4,000 from the Firemen's Fund. Once the existing fire truck sells, the Firemen's Fund would be reimbursed \$4,000. Sater moved to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **January 12, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____