

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 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, Chet Sater, LaVerne Mitchell and Becky Schroeder present. Carol Speed was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and five guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Police Report - Sergeant Roberts presented the report and noted areas police are concentrating patrols in. There was also discussion about bringing the radar speed trailer in. East Umatilla Health District: Jeremy Lasater, accompanied by Mark Moore & Elizabeth McIntyre, presented information on the formation of a new health district, why it would benefit the surrounding communities and the process that needs to happen. After clarifying the council is not endorsing the proposal but simply allowing it to go to the voters Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Resolution 2016-10 - To Support Presenting A Question To The Voters Regarding Formation Of A New Health District. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Mitchell moved* and the motion was seconded by Gibson to approve the minutes of the 4/14/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-09 to transfer contingency funds in the State Revenue Sharing Fund to line items City Park Trees & City Projects to cover cost overruns. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Councilor Schroeder moved to allow alcohol in the park for adults only attending a graduation party on May 29th. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Gibson motioned* to approve a business license for "JP Custom Fabrications", owned by John Pittman. Motion was seconded by Sater and approved 4-0.

Planning Commission: Commissioner Helen Miller reported building permits were approved for Jason & Nicole McLouth for new construction; Barry Warner & Paula Reich for a home renovation and addition; and a temporary permit for Robbie Bates. Due to the resignation of Alan Schroeder Brenda Vorhauer was appointed Vice Chair. The commission is also looking for a volunteer to fill the vacancy.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird gave a status update on the well construction, reported the bid results for the remaining improvements, and discussed the budget shortfall and options to proceed due to the reservoir bids coming in \$300,000 higher than expected. After discussion and explanation Councilor Schroeder moved to allocate \$175,000 from the Utility System Improvement Reserve Fund Contingency (gl 60-10-9500) to be set aside as a construction contingency reserve for the Water System Improvement Project. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

To reduce the reservoir bid, Baird suggested we remove the existing tank painting from the contract for the time being, then if funds allow once construction is completed, add the painting back in. He has discussed this with the Goodman & Mehlenbacher Ent. Inc., who had the low bid, and they are fine with that. Councilor Mitchell made a motion to award the project bid to Goodman & Mehlenbacher Ent. Inc., less the tank painting and subject to USDA approval. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 4-0.

Pool: The bathhouse grant in the amount of \$369,500 has been reviewed by Oregon Parks and Recreation District and we have been invited to make a presentation - which is the final step in the approval process. Nancy & John will be making the presentation, with Michael Shafer assisting in preparing the power point and speech. A \$10,000 grant was awarded from Oregon Community Foundation, and another \$5,000 was awarded from Wildhorse Foundation. The \$25,834 small grant from OPRD has been accepted and goes to the review committee next.

The caulking and pool coating will be applied next week, with the pool being filled on Friday. The lifeguards attended certification training this week and will be ready when the pool opens Saturday June 4th.

New Business: The remainder of the trees have been removed from the south side of Main Street and a bid of \$5,300 for sidewalk repair was received from Thacker Construction.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Parker reminded Mayor Shafer, Councilors Schroeder & Gibson their terms would end December 31, 2016 and passed out election information. She also passed out copies of the re-issued audit and explained a grant resolution not being added to the Capital Projects Fund led to the re-issue.

It was announced Nancy has received her Certified Municipal Clerks Certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Mayor Shafer read an email he received from Monica Simmons, President of IIMC, announcing the achievement.

Library: Mayor Shafer appointed Rebecca Jensen to the Athena Library Board. In addition to her written report Librarian Carrie Bremer detailed some of the budget challenges the Umatilla County Special Library District is experiencing.

Public Works: Mike Dowd is back to work and things are going smoothly. They are planning to replace 27 fire hydrants this year.

Mayor Shafer: The response to the ballot box outside City Hall has been terrific. The County election Department is pleased with the usage it is receiving and it will likely be a permanent fixture.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be June 9, 2016 @ 6:00 pm in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____