

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2016

**Attendance:** Mayor John Shafer called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:02 pm in the City's community room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, Chet Sater, LaVerne Mitchell and Carol Speed present. Becky Schroeder was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and three guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:** Main Street Association - A note was read thanking the City for their donation to purchase food for the City Wide Clean-Up. April Vorhauer-Flatt asked the councils permission to close 4<sup>th</sup> street from Sugar Shack to Napa and north to the alley, to hold a street dance on 6/25/16 from 6-9 pm. Mitchell made a motion to allow the street closure upon the condition residents along the street are notified and Hodaka approves. Motion passed 4-0.

Vorhauer-Flatt also reported the Tuesday Market is doing well at its new location. She thanked the City for funding the porta potties, and mentioned the only concern in the area was the smell coming from the Funk building; which is making vendors ill if they are too close to it.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilor *Speed moved* and the motion was seconded by Sater to approve the minutes of the 5/11/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:** Councilor *Mitchell made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-11: Election to Receive State Revenue Sharing. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Councilor *Speed made a motion* to adopt Resolution 2016-12: Adopting the Budget, Imposing the Tax and Categorizing the Tax. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Speed motioned* to approve Resolution 2016-13: Accept and Expense Grant Funds and Donations Received for the Swimming Pool Project. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 4-0.

Councilor Mitchell moved and the motion to adopt Ordinance #1020-Renewal of Cascade Gas Franchise Fee was seconded by Gibson and approved 4-0.

**Planning Commission:** Parker reported that building permits were approved for the Athena Weston School District to build a concession stand near the track; and for Michelle Ward to pursue building a moveable beauty salon that would be located behind Highland Quilts at 312 Main Street.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** Brad Baird reported the well construction is moving right along. They are down to 850 feet, the surface casing has been installed and grouted and the upper casing will be grouted next week. Due to the higher construction costs than anticipated USDA has offered a \$350,000 grant to the City to make up the difference. This is a rare event due to the lack of availability of grant funds, so the City is very fortunate. The Contractor is ready to proceed on the reservoir site and will begin next week.

**Pool:** The pool opened on June 8<sup>th</sup> and is beautiful!!

Nancy Parker and Michael & John Shafer traveled to Salem on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to make a \$369,500 grant presentation to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a new bathhouse. Shafer gave high praise to Parker for her presentation, and on June 7<sup>th</sup> the City was informed the grant will be awarded in full on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a 90% match and an amazing opportunity for our City! We will be looking for citizen involvement and moving forward with fund raising opportunities and soliciting funds.

Donations for pool improvements were received from Athena Civic Memorial Trust, Dorothy & Ken Bjorklund and Partners Promoting Athena.

**New Business: None**

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Michelle Fox is attending PD1 this week, and Nancy will be attending PD4, then PD3 the following two weeks.

Councilor Sater reminded everyone it is going to be a bad fire season this year and to please be very careful when burning.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm. The next regular council meeting will be July 14, 2016 @ **6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

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

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