

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

July 14, 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. Pat Gibson 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: Sgt. Roberts gave the police report and also spoke about the recent issues with dogs at large and dog bites. He reminded everyone that unless the incident is reported to County Dispatch @ 541-966-3651 it will not be logged and cannot be investigated.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Schroeder moved* and the motion was seconded by Speed to approve the minutes of the 6/9/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Mitchell made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-14: to apply for ODOT Special City Allotment. Schroeder seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve the retail business license of Annette Hammond for Mariposa Pet Supply and Services, with the condition she seek additional council approval before she begins boarding or training pets at her residence. Motion was seconded by Speed and approved 4-0.

Planning Commission: Commissioner Helen Miller reported permit # 2016-09 for Michelle Ward to add a 23' x 20' addition to her home was approved.

There is a still vacancy on the Planning Commission, and interested parties are asked to contact City Hall, or write a letter of interest to Mayor John Shafer before August 11, 2016.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well construction is moving right along. They are down to 1,300 feet; the surface and upper casings have been installed and grouted. USDA has approved a \$350,000 grant to assist with construction costs on the water project. Work has begun on the reservoir site and about 40% of the new water lines have been installed.

Anderson Perry has asked the city to write a letter of recommendation for them to have on file, which the Council instructed Nancy to do.

The revised City Ordinances were passed out to councilors. Councilors are to review and a resolution to accept will be discussed at the August meeting.

Pool: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant for \$25,834 was rejected because the work has already been completed. However, they are allowing us to reapply for \$15,000 to replace the existing boiler and sand filters.

There have been a few closures due to weather, blood and other foreign matter in the pool. Swimming lessons are in progress and there will be one more session in August. Riley is doing a great job!

The Union Bulletin will be doing an article on the completed pool improvements and the future bathhouse.

There will be a pool committee meeting soon to discuss the bathhouse design and ways to assist with fundraising.

New Business: Athena Grocery, Athena One Stop, and The Doubletree Restaurant & Lounge all have liquor licenses that are due for renewal. The Council approved renewal of all the licenses.

Parker reminded councilors that election filings are due by August 30th.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: The audit field work went well. Training on the new Vision MS software begins July 20th. City Hall will be closed July 27th for training in Island City that Michelle & Nancy both need to attend.

Water: Councilor Speed brought up the idea of installing a decal on the new reservoir as something to consider and discuss at a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm. The next regular council meeting will be August 11, 2016 @ **6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____