

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

August 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, LaVerne Mitchell, Becky Schroeder and Carol Speed present. Chet Sater 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: April Vorhauer & Katie Zmuda from the Athena Chamber of Commerce requested permission to use Dugger Park as a petting zoo during Athena Fall Festival. Schroeder motioned to approve, seconded by Speed, and was passed 4-0. They also requested approval to use the City Hall meeting room in September to hold a chamber function serving wine, which was approved by consensus.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Gibson moved* and the motion was seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes of the 7/14/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: After a lengthy discussion on the cat & dog ordinances, Councilor *Speed made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-15: Codifying Existing Ordinances. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed 3-1; with Gibson, Mitchell & Speed voting yea, and Schroeder voting nay. The Athena Grade School requested permission to use the swimming pool during the first week of school to give swim lessons in lieu of PE. They will pay the lifeguards and the cost of heating the pool.

Planning Commission: At the regular meeting of the Planning Commission, they approved permit # 2016-10 allowing Wayne & Ruth Kostur to add a 26' x 36' garage & shop.

There is a still vacancy on the Planning Commission. Anyone interested is asked to contact City Hall, or write a letter of interest to Mayor John Shafer before October 13, 2016. What a great way to have input on how our City grows!

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well drilling is finished to 1,600 feet and the well permit tentatively approved for the full 2.23 cfs (1,000 gmp). Work is proceeding on the reservoir site and about 60% of the new water lines have been installed. Speed made a motion to approve change order #1 for \$57,950, a revised well construction approach now required due to OWRD revised requirements for what aquifer the City can utilize. Motion was seconded by Mitchell and passed 4-0.

Pool: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department approved a grant for \$15,000 to replace the existing boiler and sand filters. A grant has also been submitted to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation for \$25,000, also for mechanical room repairs. We should receive notice by mid-September.

The pool committee met to discuss the bathhouse design and ways to assist with fundraising. Ideas were shared and a draft letter to community members and alumni was shared.

New Business: A temporary business license was issued to Oxarc. A request for a bouncy house in the park was denied due to liability issues.

The closing of the Athena branch of US Bank was discussed. Senator Bill Hansell would like the City's support in opposing the closure due to the hardship it will cause many residents of our community. The council agreed by consensus to support Senator Hansell's efforts.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Nancy will be on vacation August 15-19th. City staff is still learning the new computer system so please be patient as we navigate this process.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm. The next regular council meeting will be September 8, 2016 @ 6:00 pm in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____