

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

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

Business from the Public: Bob Johns from the Athena Christian Church requested permission to hang a banner promoting the Luis Palau event across Main Street. ODOT requires the City's permission, even though it is a State owned street. Schroeder moved to allow the banner, second was made by Gibson and motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Speed moved* and the motion was seconded by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the 8/11/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor *Schroeder made a motion* to approve Resolution 2016-16: To Accept and Expense the OPRD Bathhouse Grant. Gibson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0; a contract from Seder Architecture for the Bathhouse was reviewed. Schroeder motioned to approve, with a second by Speed. Motion carried 5-0.

Planning Commission: The September meeting was cancelled due to a lack of business. Mayor Shafer received two letters of interest in the Planning Commission vacancy. He appointed Robin Pickard to fill Alan Schroeder's term, which expires 12/31/2017.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well work is proceeding nicely and should be complete by the Council meeting in October. The Well Permit has been initially approved for the full 2.23 cfs below 1,300 ft. All of the new water mains have been installed and the remaining improvements are proceeding nicely. Baird stated work on the City's Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) is underway, and will be included in the current project funding.

Pool: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant pays 79.98% of the costs of the Bathhouse, up to \$369,500, with the City paying the balance. The City must spend the money upfront, and then be reimbursed by OPRD.

New Business: Information on Elected Officials Training and Oregon Government Ethics Law was presented. It was suggested the Council revisit this after the elections in November.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Nancy is working on glitches with the new computer system, specifically the water & sewer bills. Michelle is home and slowly improving - no word on when she will return to work. Council gave Nancy permission to close for Round-Up, the OAMR Conference and the scheduled Vision Software Conference October 4-7th. The office may be closed as necessary until Michelle returns. Due to the increased work load, there will be no September newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm. The next regular council meeting will be October 13, 2016 @ 6:00 pm in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____