

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

January 12, 2017

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, Chet Sater and Becky Schroeder present. Councilors Carol Speed was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and four guests were also in attendance. Shafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Terry Rowan swore in Mayor Shafer, who then swore in Councilors Pat Gibson & Rebecca Schroeder.

Business from the Public: Sheriff Rowan gave the Sheriff's report, thanked the City for their business and asked for questions or concerns regarding coverage. A discussion on dogs ensued.

Consent Agenda: Councilor *Schroeder moved*, and the motion was seconded by Gibson, to approve the minutes of the 12/8/16 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items: Councilor Schroeder was appointed Council President for the next two years. Councilor *Schroeder moved* to list the city owned property at 124 E High with Jerry Baker of Coldwell Bankers for \$18,500, with an 8% commission. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and carried 4-0. Councilor *Gibson moved* to approve Resolution 2017-01 - Annual Water Rates, which was seconded by Sater and passed 4-0.

Councilor *Mitchell moved* to approve Resolution 2017-02 - Annual Sewer Rates. The motion was seconded by Gibson and approved 4-0.

Councilor *Schroeder motioned* to purchase a 1989 John Deere 672B Road Grader for \$36,700 delivered from Reddig Equipment in Kalispell Montana. Mitchell seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. A letter was received from Rolinda Bird, property owner at 353 E College, requesting the City mandate cleanup of property at 345 E College owned by Carlton & Laura Pease. After a long discussion it was agreed Nancy would write a letter to the Pease's informing them of various ordinance violations and requesting the property be brought into compliance. The letter should include options to help alleviate problems and offer solutions. She will include a copy of the Ordinance and send a duplicate copy to Mrs. Bird.

Councilor *Schroeder moved* to approve a business and temporary liquor license for Athena Convenience Store LLC. Motion was seconded by Gibson and carried 4-0.

Planning Commission: A building permit was approved for the pool bathhouse.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported all the new water mail lines are installed and service connections finished. The remaining work going forward is above ground. The well pump station is built and weathered in. The budget is in good shape with \$80,000 - \$90,000 remaining in the contingency fund.

New Business: Kylie McClintock, the City's auditor from Cockburn & McClintock presented the 2015-16 audit. It was a very clean audit, as usual, and she expressed appreciation for how hard Nancy & Michelle work to be in compliance and assist them.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Mayor Shafer reported he and Nancy attended a grant workshop sponsored by the county and came away with great information and new resources.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **February 9, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____