

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

April 13, 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 LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater, Becky Schroeder and Carol Speed present. Councilor Pat Gibson was excused. City Recorder Nancy Parker and five guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Sgt. Roberts gave the Sheriff's Department update. Extra patrols were requested on 5th street, especially when traffic to schools is high.

Katie Zmuda passed out a flyer of upcoming Chamber of Commerce events and requested permission to use Dugger Park again this summer for Tuesday Market. They are also requesting the city pay \$316 for four months of porta poties. Motion was moved and seconded to accept requests. Motion carried 4-0.

Brenda Vorhauer from Main Street Association reported there will be a delay in taking ownership of the PGG building due to issues with the furnace and the chimney falling in. The sale should close in the next couple of weeks.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 3/9/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items:

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-05 Transfer Capital Contingency Funds to purchase a new fire truck. Motion carried 4-0.

A Livestock Permit for Wendy Bellamy was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Council also granted permission for the Red Cross to hold a blood drive in the community room June 27th.

Planning Commission: Building permits were approved for Charles Bayman and Carol Speed. The Comprehensive Plan update has reached a point where professional assistance is required. Nancy has contacted Tamra Mabbott from Umatilla County Planning Department and is also researching options.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the new reservoir is in service. The existing reservoir is being prepped for interior painting. The well pump station is 95% complete. Goodman & Melenbacher are working to wrap up well items and restoration, which could take 1-2 months. Once weather allows, the reservoirs and well pump station will be fenced. Change order # 3 for the deeper well pump set was approved by a vote of 4-0. The Water Management and Conservation Plan is complete and under internal review.

Pool: A Termination and Settlement Agreement with Seder Architect + Urban Design LLC was approved 4-0. An additional \$5,500 in pool donations has been secured and WC is scheduled to break ground for the new bathhouse on May 23rd.

New Business Councilor Mitchell suggested the city research what is required to move our accounts to Bank of Eastern Oregon. Other councilors agreed we should support the new bank.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Nancy reported the OAMR conference was very beneficial and she will be implementing suggested changes in writing the minutes.

Fire: Chief Reitz reported the firehouse remodel is progressing nicely. The new fire truck will be painted red. Zimmerman's Autobody donated the materials at cost and volunteers will supply the labor. He also reported the mutual aid we provide to other entities proved beneficial this past week when they came to assist with the fire in Athena.

Library: Will be purchasing 70 solar eclipse glasses to distribute during the Summer Reading Program.

Parks: It was suggested garbage can(s) be place at the west entrance to the park so people will not throw garbage in the creek.

Public Works: Due to the pool not opening, they will not be hiring a worker for the summer months.

All of the trees have been removed on Main Street and the sidewalks are being repaired. Bob Walder, a landscape architect, may be able to help with a design for new trees.

The Council would like to honor Helen, Bud & Ray miller for their years of service to the community by naming the community room the "Miller Family Community Room". Nancy will research plaques and find something appropriate. This information will not be in the newsletter minutes so it will be a surprise to Helen when it is presented to her.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **May 11, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____