

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 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 Carol Speed present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and six guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Members of the Athena Chamber reported on the success of the "Athena Clean Sweep Day". Although they did not have as many volunteers as last year, they were able to wash all the windows on Main Street and trim the roses in the rose garden.

Councilor Becky Schroeder arrived at 6:11pm

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/13/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable/Discussion Items:

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-06 to Accept and Expense AWERE Grant funds and donations to the pool project. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made, seconded and carried 5-0 to approve a business license for Sweet Rewards, an Ice Cream Truck that will visit Athena weekly.

A motion was made, seconded and approved 5-0 for a Livestock Permit for Brett Speed.

Planning Commission: Permit #2017-06 for Jim Schroeder to build a shop was approved. Following recommendations from Umatilla County Planner Tamra Mabbott, revisions to the Annual Growth Report, Buildable Lands Description and the Buildable Lands Map portion of the Comprehensive Plan will be discontinued due to the \$1,300 cost and time involved.

Old Business:

Water System: Brad Baird reported the well pump station is 98% complete. A motion was made to approve change order # 4 to cover the underground power extension to the new well pump station. The power was bid as overhead, and to remain in compliance with City ordinances, underground power service is required. Motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0. Painting on the existing reservoir is scheduled for completion next week, with filling, flushing and testing to occur the week of the 22nd. Fencing of the reservoirs and well pump station should be complete this week. Budget wise the project is in good shape.

Pool: WC Construction is putting together the bid packet, which should publish next week.

Bank Accounts: A motion was made and seconded to move the city bank accounts from US Bank to Bank of Eastern Oregon. Signers will be Nancy Parker, City Recorder; Michelle Fox, Assistant City Recorder; Mayor John Shafer and City Councilor LaVerne Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: Councilor Speed is working with Public Works, Bob Walder and Thacker Construction on replacement trees and containers for Main Street. Three design concepts were presented. Because the trees will not be planted until fall, and bids for the concrete work have not been received, Council agreed to revisit the proposal at the August meeting.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Administration: Parker reminded councilors of the Budget Meeting on Wednesday the 18th at 6:30pm.

Library: Gibson encouraged everyone to view the backlighting installed on the library windows after dark. It really makes the stained glass designs stand out!

Mayor: Shafer announced Bank of Eastern Oregon will be holding their open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 19th at noon and encouraged everyone to attend.

To honor the many years of service donated to the City of Athena by the Miller Family, Councilor Speed suggested the meeting room be named in honor of the family. Bud was the Police Chief, Public Works and Volunteer Fire Chief for many years. Helen has served on the Planning Commission, been active in City Council and served in numerous volunteer capacities for over 50 years. Ray was the Volunteer Fire Chief for a number of years, in addition to serving on City Council. Recorder Parker was authorized to order a plaque and a dedication ceremony will be held when Helen is available, hopefully the June 8th Council Meeting. This information will not appear in the Council minutes published in the City newsletter or on the City's website to keep this a surprise for Helen.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 8, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Nancy Parker, City Recorder _____