

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

July 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 Pat Gibson, LaVerne Mitchell, Rebecca Schroeder, and Chet Sater present. Carol Speed was excused. Assistant City Recorder Michelle Fox and 8 guests were also in attendance. Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:**

June Mazzei asked the council if some sort of speed signage could be placed on Grandview Street to slow traffic.

April Vorhauer from the Mainstreet Association addressed three topics with the council:

1. **PGG Building** - Asked if their Water Deposit could be refunded due to their non-profit small budget. Mayor Shafer explained that the water deposit would not need to be paid until they actually start using the water in the building.
2. **Block Party** - Explained they are having a Block Party on August 18 and asked if they could close Third Street from Main Street to the alley. They asked permission to have a beer garden if they could find an organization to run it. And lastly asked if the City would pay for a port-a-potty for the Block Party. A motion was made and seconded to approve the street closure, beer garden and payment for port-a-potty on August 18. Motion carried 4-0.
3. **Building Relationship with Council** - Asked if the Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet Association could be put on the agenda for every council meeting. Also asked for contact information from councilors for easier communication between the council and the Mainstreet Association. Mayor Shafer explained that they would be put on the agenda each month under "Business from the Public". A concerned citizen asked if a garbage can could be placed by the bridge coming out of the park on Fifth Street due to garbage accumulating there and in the creek. Michelle will notify Humbert's to have another garbage can placed there.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/8/17 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Actionable/Discussion Items:**

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve 4 tree planter boxes to be placed on Main Street. Motion carried 4-0. No trees will be planted until this fall. A cover will be put on each planter until fall to keep garbage from being placed in them.

A motion was made and seconded to approve OLCC Licenses Renewals for Athena Convenience Store, Athena One Stop, and The Doubletree Restaurant & Lounge. Motion carried 4-0.

**Planning Commission:** Revisited and approved permit #2017-06 for Jim and Becky Schroeder and approved permit # 2017-09 for Weston-McEwen High School Land Lab to build a new livestock barn at 78644 Pambrun Rd . Helen Miller submitted her resignation due to health reasons.

**Old Business:**

**Water System:** Brad Baird reported the well pump station is finished. The new pump will be installed on Monday, July 17. Painting on the existing reservoir is complete. Two water line crossing will be completed within the next few weeks. All contractor work should be done by the beginning of August. The old reservoir is filled and water will be tested Monday and the reservoir put back on line early next week, assuming samples pass.

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**Pool:** Grants awarded - \$6,250.00 Wildhorse Foundation & NW Farm Credit Services \$1,500.00

Donations - \$5,000.00

Total Donations - \$20,332.74

**New Business:** None

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Nancy is on vacation until July 26. Auditors will be here July 31.

**Parks & Rec:** WC Construction is in the process of new bidding process. They are hoping to start construction the end of July.

**Public Works:** Tying into well Friday. Monday the pump will be installed. Public Works will be purchasing a new riding lawn mower soon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **August 10, 2017 @ 6:00 pm** in the Athena City Hall meeting room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Michelle Fox, Assistant City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_