

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

March 8, 2018

**Attendance:** Mayor John Shafer called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm in the Miller Family Community Room. Roll was taken with Councilors Pat Gibson, LaVerne Mitchell, Chet Sater, Carol Speed, and Rebecca Schroeder present. City Recorder Nancy Parker and ten guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Business from the Public:**

**Hodaka Days:** Ed Chestnut thanked the Council for allowing them to use the park last year, and requested permission for use this year June 21-24<sup>th</sup>. He reported attendance was down last year, but participation was up which allowed them to make a \$2,000 donation to the Gem Theatre. He detailed upcoming events and presented a \$400 check to the City to be used for the pool. A motion was made, seconded and approved 5-0 to allow Hodaka Days to use the park June 21-24<sup>th</sup>.

**Cockburn & McClintock:** Kylie McClintock presented the 2016-17 audit. She stated it was a clean audit, with no internal control letter issued. Good job Nancy and Michelle!

**Athena Chamber of Commerce:** Requested permission to use Duggar Park for Tuesday Markets May through August, and for the city to provide porta-potties at a cost of \$315. A motion was made, seconded and approved 5-0 to allow use of the park and to pay the cost of the toilets.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2/8/18 regular meeting, the financial statements and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

**Actionable Items:** Mayor Shafer appointed Sally Thompson and Steven Klein three year terms on the budget committee. He also appointed Nancy Parker as the Budget Officer.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

Ben DeCarlo, from Pioneer Humane Society and in conjunction with Umatilla County Commissioners, answered questions about a proposed resolution to form a county service district for animal control services. Cost would be 10 cents per thousand of assessed value. Ben clarified the resolution is not an endorsement by council but a request to put before voters on the November ballot. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2018-04, Inclusion of the City of Athena in a new Umatilla County Animal Control District. Motion was seconded and carried 5-0.

A request to approve a Business License for Humbert Tires was approved 5-0.

Nancy announced three council positions are open for election this year, with two current members not seeking reelection, and possibly a third. Interested citizens should inquire at City Hall for filing requirements.

Jerry Baker, Broker for Coldwell Bankers, submitted a \$9,500 bid for his client on the city property for sale at 124 High Street. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the bid. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a request from Athena Caledonian Games to place a Scottish Jacobite Rose in Heskith Garden in memory of Mark Seltmann. Motion carried 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pool:** Lifeguard applications are out and interviews are scheduled for 3/26/18.

**Old Business:**

**Union Contract Negotiations:** Mayor Shafer reported negotiations were completed. AFSCME will have the new contract ready for approval at the April meeting.

**New Business: None**

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Administration:** Nancy reported on the CIS conference she attended in Salem. She also announced there will be an elections training in Baker City on March 21<sup>st</sup>. City Hall will be closed that day to allow Michelle and Nancy to attend.

Mayor Shafer announced Bank of Eastern Oregon has TigerScot debit cards, which will donate 5 cents per transaction to the school. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of this convenient way to support our schools.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **April 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

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

Attested: Nancy Parker, CMC, City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_