

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

July 12, 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, Rebecca Schroeder, and Carol Speed present. Assistant Recorder Michelle Fox and five guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schafer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public: Sgt. Josh Roberts with the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reviewed the police report and answered questions.

Athena Chamber of Commerce: Chamber was busy during Hodaka Days serving 150 root beer floats in the park. Community Night Out on Main Street was a huge success. They will be participating in the Caledonian Parade and will have a booth at the park. Tuesday Market is doing well with a few more vendors this year. They are looking forward to Fall Festival.

Main Street Association: They had a work party at the Stahl Building. New windows look great. They will also be promoting Main Street during Caledonian Games. They will be having an "Adopt a Highway" project on August 12, 2018. Everyone participating will meet at 7:00am at the Sugar Shack that morning.

April Makenna asked for an update on the new park playground equipment. Councilor Schroeder informed April that the Public Works Department has been extremely busy with trying to get the pool up and running. Unfortunately they have not had time to install it yet but that it is a project for the very near future.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/14/18 regular meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of all the business Liquor Licenses. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded to let the Juvenile Division determine the appropriate punishment for the four juveniles that vandalized the new concrete in the park. Motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Permit #2018-05 for Brian and Robin Pickard was approved for an addition to their home. Permit #2018-06 for Gene and Mary Helen Wright was approved to demolish old structure and replace with new modular home and shop.

Old Business: Pool Cameras: The Public Works Department is waiting on two bids for new cameras for the park and pool. Nine cameras are needed for full coverage. A ballpark estimate was given by Price Computers in the amount of \$4,000 for nine cameras and the recorder. Assistant Recorder, Michelle Fox is going to call CIS and ask about liability for using cameras.

New Business: None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Fire: Fire season has begun. Fire department was busy over the fourth of July. They also just assisted with the large fire in Weston.

Library: Received a \$3,000 grant from the State Library of Oregon to be used for "Refreshing Materials." Approximately 300 new items have been ordered for the Library. The concentration is on refreshing the youth diversity and non-fiction collections. The Library had numerous visitors during Hodaka Days and the Summer Reading Program is going very well.

Public Works: Had a large water leak which has been fixed. They are watching all the wells closely to see how much the new well impacts the water levels in July and August.

Pool: Colleen Bagdon was hired as the new Pool Manager to replace Riley Faircloth. The pool is averaging 80 swimmers per day. We have received many compliments on the new facility. The new lifeguards are all working hard and doing a great job.

Administration: Auditors will be coming out next week to do field work for the audit. The City is hosting the Small Cities Meeting on July 18th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **August 9, 2018 @ 6:00 pm** in the Miller Family Community Room.

Approved: John Shafer, Mayor _____

Attested: Michelle Fox, Assistant City Recorder _____