

**City of Athol Council Meeting**

**April 1, 2014**

**The meeting was called to order by *Mayor Kuhman* at 7 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:** Spencer   x  , Miller   x  , McDaniel   x   Zichko   x  .  
*All present*

**Visitors:**

**Minutes:** Motion made by *Councilman McDaniel*, Seconded by *Councilman Spencer* .

**Bills:** Motion made by *Councilman Miller*, Seconded by *Councilman McDaniel*.

**Treasury Report:**

**Water Usage:** March 2014 1,704,300

*\*Councilman McDaniel stated some people had cloudy water, must have had some air in the lines, water tests indicated water is fine.*

**Unfinished Business:**

*Athol Beautification Day- New updates? Mary, has a sign in/sign up sheet for citizens that need help,also for the citizens that are going to pick up the seedlings. Stephen talked to Athol aggregate, need r/r ties- approximately 10, range from 5-10\$ a piece. Check r/r see if we can save \$ on ties. ABC Garden group working on area in front of community hall. Rock for Community Center is being donated by the bakery.*

*Panhandle ER information- Councilman McDaniel hasn't had another meeting with PH yet, he is just after getting totals of water usage, PH is willing to look at our water usage possible reconsider flow reports to possibly get more ERs back in our pool*

**New Busines:**

*Yessco would like to change sign location in Mr. Tire parking lot-Did not show*

*John Hartung, Community Library Remove Trees on Library property. Roots of the trees are coming up thru the parking lot. The trees are the cities property but John just wanted to inform the city. Councilman Miller stated can cut down 6-8" to remove the roots. John would like to have Jacobsen tree service come to assess removing the trees. Also to consider Avista or Kootenai Electric to help because of the power line. Councilman McDaniel stated he would like to be there when Jacobsen comes out. McDaniel also said that it is a safety issue with the roots and that the city would partake in the cost since it is on our property, would need to get an estimate. Mr. Hartung will have Jacobsen come out for an estimate. Councilman Spencer would like to know how they plan on removing the tree.*

*Art Luckado, discuss 3<sup>rd</sup>/Miller Mel Bertch property fix road where it floods, water gets very deep. Safety issue.*

*Mr. Luckado gave a ride home to a person one evening and has concerns with Miller road being a safety issue. He stated the water in the big hole is like a lake and was*

*about ready to go inside his ford ranger truck. Councilwoman Zichko stated it is not the cities road and that Mr. Bertsch has always opened it up to the public. It was stated that if the road condition is an issue, Mr. Bertch will have no choice but to block it off. Mr. Luckado expressed how it is a safety issue for the public and not only could it be a liability for the city as well as Mr. Bertsch. Per our City attorney, since the city does not maintain the road nor own the road, it is private property, not the cities property, the city is not liable. If the roadway opened for 5 years and if maintained by the city at all, who would have the liability? The road has never been accepted by the City of Athol. The City is not responsible for Mr. Bertsch's part of road, he has kept it open as a courtesy, more than likely if people are complaining, Mr. Bertsch will close the road. Councilman Miller stated that the majority of the traffic are people that don't even live on the road.*

**Set budget workshop date after Beautification week? Also discuss during workshop employee review.**

**Newer Council Members would like to know more about how the budget works. Per Councilwoman Zichko.**

**Will have workshop the 28<sup>th</sup> of April at 6 pm.**

**Site Disturbance**

**none**

**Public Comment**

**Moved by Councilman Miller, Seconded by Councilman McDaniel to adjourn meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

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**Clerk Sally R. Hansen**

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**Mayor**