

Special Meeting of the City of Athol City Council

Held in the Council Room in City Hall
30355 N 3rd St. Athol, ID 83801

Draft Unapproved Minutes

Special Meeting, Thursday, June 2, 2016 6:00pm, and 7:00pm Public Hearing

Meeting called to order at 6:16pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bob Wachter, Councilman Hill, Councilman Spencer, Councilman McDaniel and Councilwoman Zichko, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Yarbrough, Public Works Stephen Williams, City Planner Rand Wichman and City Attorney John Cafferty. Visitors to sign in please.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Employee Policy Amendment** – (Mayor Wachter) Job descriptions have now been written out and finished, plus the previous suggested changes as per the 2 previous meeting; 5 changes total. 1) Adding clerk to be privy to include Clerk in those who can view personal files since she is the one who handles and does payroll 2) adding “not to abuse city credit accounts- adds ability to have a credit card for staff, set by the Mayor full records available to council as needed 3) wording in authorization for overtime, was just the Mayor and this would make it either or including the city council as a body 4) addressing cell phone changes, eliminating city cell phones and doing a stipend instead 5) adding job descriptions to the employee policy in appendix. Motion by Zichko “to approve the updated employee personnel as presented.” Second by McDaniel. Roll Call Vote: *DISCUSSION- **Roll Call: Councilman Spencer- yes; Councilman Hill- yes; Councilman McDaniel- yes; and Councilwoman Zichko – yes. Motion passed.**
2. **Budget Discussion** – Update on FY 2017 (Lori) This new draft version that have some of the potential projects we have discussed. Basically there are not enough funds to cover many of these projects. This is more of a worst case scenario. More research is needed to better identify how we should go about correcting our overall fund balances and deficits. The city attorney suggested Lori to talk with Shelly with the City of Post Falls. **No decisions were made just set a date for the next City Council Budget meeting to be held on Tuesday July 12th at 6pm.**
3. **Decision on Site Disturbance Applications** – 1 new application: Julian at 30155 N 3rd St
 - a. Motion by McDaniel “to approve the application made by MaryAnn Julian for the address 30155 N 3rd St; to install a 5ft chain link fence.” Second by Hill. Roll Call Vote: *DISCUSSION- **Roll Call: Councilman Spencer- yes; Councilman Hill- yes; Councilman McDaniel- yes; and Councilwoman Zichko – yes. Motion passed.**

BREAK at 6:30pm

NOTE: The City will make reasonable accommodations for anyone attending this meeting who require special assistance for hearing, physical or other impairments. Please contact the City Clerk at (208) 683-2101 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date and time.

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 7:02pm and wanted to be clear to everyone that this was not a public hearing on any annexations, but rather a PUBLIC HEARING to consider public comment on the 3 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments before the council. The Mayor and City Attorney further tried to explain the rules and expectations of how this public hearing process will proceed. It is being recorded so please loud and clear. Those wishing to speak must fill out a comment form and speak from the lectern. The order of speaking will happen in the following order for each of the 3 applications/public hearings: the applicant will speak, the city planner speaks, then it will be opened for public comment, those who are for the amendment, those who are neutral, and then those who are opposed; the final speaker will again be the applicant for an opportunity to rebut- addressing any issued raised during the public comment. The council will then make a determination as to whether they want to make a decision now or wait. This is the same process that will go on for each of the 3 applications being considered tonight.

The 1st applicant #CP16-01 by Chan Karupiah, Public Hearing #1 is now open at 7:06pm.

1st Speaker- (on behalf of the Applicant) Mr. John Meredith for #CP16-01 Chan Karupiah:

2nd Speaker- Rand Wichman, Athol City Planner

Public Comment: **For:** 6 received at the meeting; nothing written in comments and no one speaking. **Neutral:** 1 received, with no one speaking and no written comments.

Opposed: 4 received, with one speaker, John Haug; some concern with traffic and some encouraged to use wisdom in making these decisions.

Rebuttal by Mr. Meredith- everyone comes from somewhere who wants to do something.

The Mayor Closed the Public Hearing #1 at 7:27pm- The city attorney then gave direction to council as to how they might choose to proceed. DISCUSSION between the Council and the Attorney related to options on how to proceed, as this is a new experience for most of them.

A Motion was made by Zichko, seconded by McDaniel to Approve the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment #CP16-01, as it meets all the conditions for approval, as identified in 8-3-8f of the city code. The complete list of her decision of the proposed conclusions of law, was then read by Councilwoman Zichko as outlined in the staff report *DISCUSSION- An order of decision will be prepared and presented at the next regular council meeting for authorization of the Mayors signature. **Roll Call: Councilman Spencer - yes Councilman Hill - yes, Councilman McDaniel – yes, and Councilwoman Zichko -yes. Motion Passed.**

The Mayor then opened the next PUBLIC HEARING #2 to consider public comment on the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment #CP16-02 by HJ Grathol at 7:54pm

1st Speaker- Geoff Reeslund spoke on behalf of HJ Grathol.

2nd Speaker- Rand Wichman, Athol City Planner

Public Comment: **For:** 3 received at the meeting, nothing written in comments and on one speaking. **Neutral:** 5 received, 3 speaking (G Iness: P Cirnto: Norma White) Concern about high commercial usage being next to residential property; concern with future large housing developments, and draw/costs on city services and overall loss of the N Idaho natural look and becoming anyplace USA; **Opposed:** 8 received, with 2 speaking (John Haug: Robert White) fear of land values decreasing, higher usage on Roberts Rd., concerned with exploiting the local beauty of the land, concerns with smell of sewer system; concerns with traffic on Hwy 54 and Howard Rd. and loss of wilderness/wildlife.

Rebuttal by Geoff Reeslund- Addressing the trail concerns on Roberts Rd., he said it was not at their request, the Hwy District wanted and requested it; no plans for track or single family homes, just commercial uses; police and fire or other costs to the city- would be more than paid for by the revenues brought to the city by such agreement, and further no need for city to provide transportation or street services. We have no need or desire to give access to Howard Rd., but it may be asked of them by other agencies like the fire department. Our treatment system will be near drinking water quality with no odor for the lagoon location. As far as, noise they feel there will be some buffer there with no access to Howard Rd.

The Mayor Closed the Public Hearing #2 at 8:31pm

A Motion was made by Hill, seconded by Zichko to Approve the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment #CP16-02, as it meets all the conditions for approval, as identified in 8-3-8f of the city code. The complete list of his decision of the proposed conclusions of law, was then read by Councilman Hill as outlined in the staff report *DISCUSSION- An order of decision will be prepared and presented at the next regular council meeting for authorization of the Mayors signature. **Roll Call: Councilman Spencer - yes Councilman Hill - yes, Councilman McDaniel – yes, and Councilwoman Zichko -yes. Motion Passed.**

Break at 8:36pm till 8:46pm

The Mayor then opened the next PUBLIC HEARING #3 to consider public comment on the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment #CP16-03 by Cole etal at 8:46pm

1st Speaker- Sandy Young on behalf of the applicants

2nd Speaker- Rand Wichman, Athol City Planner

Public Comment: For: 6 received at the meeting, with no written comments and on one speaking. **Neutral:** 1 received, no one speaking nothing in written comments.

Opposed: 2 received, with 1 speaking, Debora Albrecht- doesn't want the city to change, but they want growth.

Rebuttal - None

The Mayor Closed the Public Hearing #3 at 8:57pm

A Motion was made by McDaniel, seconded by Hill to Approve the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment #CP16-03, as it meets all the conditions for approval, as identified in 8-3-8f of the city code. The complete list of his decision of the proposed conclusions of law, was then read by Councilman McDaniel as outlined in the staff report *DISCUSSION- An order of decision will be prepared and presented at the next regular council meeting for authorization of the Mayors signature. **Roll Call: Councilman Spencer - yes Councilman Hill - yes, Councilman McDaniel – yes, and Councilwoman Zichko -yes. Motion Passed.**

ADJOURNMENT at 9:00pm

ATTEST:

Bob Wachter, Mayor

Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Approved at Council on