

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016
7:00pm Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Wachter called meeting to order at: 7:00 P.M. and wanted to thank everyone who attended the 1st Community Minded Potluck and making it a success. Can't wait for the next one next month. He encouraged more people to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Wachter; Councilwoman Zichko; Councilman McDaniel; Councilman Spencer; Councilman Hill; Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Yarbrough; Public Works, Stephen Williams; City Planner, Rand Wichman; City Attorney, J. Cafferty.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH (Oct 18th) MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Zichko, seconded by McDaniel that we approve last month's meeting minutes without amendments. *DISCUSSION - All in favor- Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by McDaniel, seconded by Zichko that we approve paying Oct/Nov's bills as submitted. *DISCUSSION-Clerk noted that after much research we did pay the railroad management bill. All in favor- Motion passed.

TREASURY REPORT- Lori read aloud the ending balances; STCU checking: \$32,019.60; STCU saving/mm: \$90,396.57; and the LGIP balance: \$475,666.56.

WATER REPORT- Lori reported September usage was 2,209,400 gallons; **October usage was 1,906,400 gallons.** We billed for \$5,247.47 and collected \$6,570.40. About 13 account letters were sent out with an outstanding balance of \$988.70 for those over 60 days. New rates are now in effect and the council will be reviewing the water ordinance/procedures at the workshop that is scheduled for Nov 29th. Updating language, policies/procedures, adding a late fee, and shorten the allowed days of past due before shut-off.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approval of ORD #409 Subsurface Sewage Disposal

Motion by Spencer, seconded by Zichko to read by title only and dispense with the rules for the reading of the ordinance on three different days for Ordinance #409. *DISCUSSION

Roll Call: Zichko-yes; Hill -yes; Spencer-yes; McDaniel-yes; - **Motion passed.**

Motion by Spencer, seconded by Zichko to pass Ordinance #409, an ordinance of the city of Athol. ORD# 409, adding Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Athol Municipal Code regarding Subsurface Sewage Disposal and publishing by summary Ordinance #409 City of Athol. *DISCUSSION

Roll Call: Zichko- yes; Hill-yes; Spencer- yes; McDaniel-yes; **Motion passed.**

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.

2. **Planner Report – Given by Rand** -1) Has met with Ellery at JUB a couple of times on the Hughes Annexation. They are still waiting on Hughes for additional information, and will be meeting with them next week. 2) On the code amendments; draft is ready and is about 37 pages long. Would like to set date for city code update workshop to review with council line by line, after a short discussion it was set for **Tuesday Nov. 29th, 2016 at 5:00pm was set.** 3) Additional information/clarification that there are “state requirements” for setting manufactured homes that identifies the plumbing, HVAC and electric permits, necessary.
3. **Site Disturbances- Disturbances** (1 new application, 1 late)
 - a. 5700 E Hill Ave. Removing old house, and placing a new manufactured home. (Reynolds)
 - b. 5565 E Grove ST. Has already removed old trailer, placing a new 14x70 and driveway; will also be upgrading from cess pool to septic tank. (Hester)

Planner suggested we use caution going forward, he stated per the city code, chapter 10 which discusses set-backs, driveway locations etc., we need to begin looking at these better. Today there is not received enough information on either application to make a recommendation. Suggested tabling until the special meeting next week on the 29th which should provide enough time to get the necessary information. **Mayor and council agreed and were all in favor to table until 11/29/16.**
4. **Discussion of Annual Fee Updates** Time to begin the annual reviewing of fees. After a brief discussion, it was determined to make changes as we discussed today and then again after the ordinance clean-ups will review and see if ready for a public hearing.
5. **Discussion on Modification of the Athol City Code Title 6, Chapter 2: Water Use Regulations** A brief discussion on water hook-up rates, late fees etc. It was determined to include this ordinance amendment will be discussed further at the workshop next week, the 29th. **This was part of the previous item #4 just discussed for Fee updates.**
6. **Community Minded Potlucks-** Mayor Wachter says he thinks it was a success, well attended and another next month (12/20/16) tell your friends please come and join. Thank you to Lori for the PowerPoint slide show. Lori shared if you have ideas for future meetings- let us know.
7. **FATBEAM** – Lori shared that Fatbeam is still requesting an agreement of some kind. Both she and the attorney have had several discussions and overall, feel like if we can get in exchange fiber to the city that would be great, but otherwise probably do a ROW agreement with an annual fee of similar to the railroad management fee.
8. **Athol Elementary PTU letter received looking for cash donations** – Lori shared the request., After a discussion, the council decided it best to not donate to a specific group and let that come from individuals and business owners. They can't justify using public funds for this even though they agree it's a good cause/purpose.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Fevold – Knows that giving public funds is illegal, but what if it is for a public purpose. Attorney advised it is a very slippery slope and the council is wise to not go down that path.

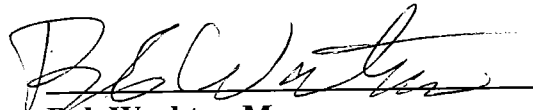
Jeff Merkeley – In regards to Fatbeam do we know where exactly they are going into the ground? Stephen and Mayor both identified the general streets. And further he feels since they are here and under Hwy 54 boring the road- isn't now the time to get what we think we will need for the future? Mayor agreed.

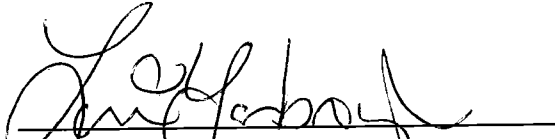
Jim Whallon- Do you know where the water comes from in regards to the new development (Hughes annexation). Mayor responded that that is part of the many things that has not yet been determined or proposed for that matter, “we don't know”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -City Council- nothing; Staff – **Lori-** shared the Kootenai County Sheriff report for September and briefly discussed New Mobility West, food for thought maybe something the city could consider in the future. AIC Fall District coming up, need to know who on the council will be attending. **Stephen-** nothing; **Mayor** reminded everyone about the Active Shooter training and the Red Cross Disaster Relief training on 1/25/2017. Mayor offer and asked Kootenai County Sheriff Deputy Solar Larson if he had any comment. He only wanted to mention the sheriffs website offers info on call and crime tracking and various trainings that are available.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:27pm

ATTEST:


Bob Wachter, Mayor


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on 12/20/16