



City of Athol City Council Special Meeting
Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Wednesday, August 24, 2017
4:00pm Council Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wachter called meeting to order: 4:00pm

ROLL CALL: *None; no one present.*

Present: Mayor Wachter; Councilwoman Zichko; Councilman Hill; Councilman McDaniel
Councilman Spencer; Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Yarbrough;
Not present: Mark- Public Works, City Attorney, John Cafferty; City Planner, Rand Wichman

APPROVAL of BILLS MOTION by McDaniel, seconded by Spencer to approve the bill as presented with/without. All in favor, Motion passed.

APPROVAL of SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 8/18/17 MOTION by Zichko, seconded by Hill to approve the 8/18/17 special meeting minutes. All in favor Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Council Discussion/Approval to repair potholes in city streets – Mayor MOTION by Hill second by Spencer to approve using Leo Neal Asphalt Paving for the filling of the city potholes; not to exceed \$5,400.00. *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Spencer -yes; Councilman Hill -yes; Councilman McDaniel -yes; and Councilwoman Zichko -yes; Motion Passed.
2. **Update on Rate Study and Water Master Plan Timeline –** Lori shared with council a timeline she and Stillman worked out to give them a better perspective on how things might progress and when they can expect to see the final Water Master Plan before them to consider adopting. This information worked with the progress or lack of progress on a water rate study done by Diane with IRWA. After a discussion council is ok with not completing a rate study at this time.
3. **Athol Daze Profit/Approve placement of funds (Options) - Lori MOTION by McDaniel second by Zichko to use the profit made from this year's Athol Daze to purchase two 21' foot aluminum 3 tier bleachers and a park bench this year with the excess funds received from Athol Daze.**
*DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Councilman Spencer -yes; Councilman Hill -yes; Councilman McDaniel -yes; and Councilwoman Zichko -yes; Motion Passed.
4. **Potentially Approve Park Playground Upgrades (Grants) MOTION by Hill second by Spencer to purchase a new (2-5 age level) playground equipment using the grant funds already collected and the remaining funds left from the community review to make the purchase. *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Spencer -yes; Councilman Hill -yes; Councilman McDaniel -yes; and Councilwoman Zichko -yes; Motion Passed.
5. **Council Discussion/Approval of Exchange of Services with Compass (Water/Piping) – Mayor MOTION by Spencer second by Zichko to allow the exchange of water for services with Compass to extend the water line on the East side of Old Hwy 95. (It is likely that Compass will use for water than the cost of the service and will still receive a bill from the city for the water being hauled.)**

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.

*DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Councilman Spencer -yes; Councilman Hill -yes; Councilman McDaniel -yes; and Councilwoman Zichko -yes; **Motion Passed.**

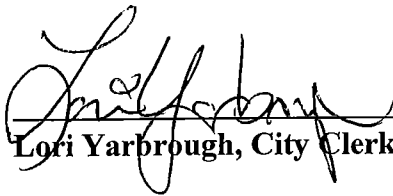
6. **Discussion of having 2 regular council meetings a month and to direct staff- Councilman Josh Spencer MOTION by Zichko second by Hill, to direct staff to prepare and ORD to add an additional regular council meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month to be held at 6:00pm and keep the 3rd of the month meeting at 7:00pm as well.** This is unless the city attorney says a regular special meeting can happen without updating the ordinance. *DISCUSSION- the meeting on the 1st would not necessarily have the planner or the attorney, unless needed. Hopefully this will make the meetings shorter. If there is not anything pressing that cannot wait this 1st meeting can be cancelled. **All in favor. Motion passed.**
7. **Discussion/Potentially Approve to allow the Cole Annexation Applicant to address the council on alternatives for water options related to the annexation consideration. – Mayor** It was determined by the council that they feel there is nothing more to discuss; they added that the Mayor may wish to meet with the applicants and just reiterate the council's sentiments on this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Mayor shared that Casey Creavor is building/developing the property just North of Northern Meadows and appears to be accessing the property via the city road, Alice Ct. They have not come to the city to ask for this access and Rand has made contact him. Their plan is to have four 5 acre lots with homes, and hears he's a pretty cheap home builder. Also, he wanted to share that the city has received a letter from Gary Fast's attorney who is asking for the city to remove the stop work order. Our attorney will work with Rand and write up a response.

ADJOURNMENT: at 5:45pm

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

 9-28-17
Bob Wachter, Mayor

Approved at Council on 8-24-17