



**City of Athol City Council Special Meeting
Water Bond Workshop**
Held in the Council Room in City Hall

**Friday, September 14, 2018
9:34am**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Mary Zichko called meeting to order: 9:30am

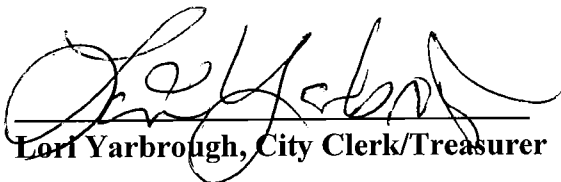
Council President asked to go around the room for introductions. Present in the room was: Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer; Councilman Spencer; Councilman Hill; Nancy Mabile with PAC; Howard Lunderstadt with Rural Development; Danielle Quade Bond Council with Hawley Troxell; Anthony Brandt City Public Works/Water Operator; Kyle Meschko with Keller Engineering; Katy Baker-Casiel with DEQ; Councilman McDaniel; City Attorney John Cafferty; and Council President, Mary Zichko. On the phone was Stillman Norton with Keller Engineering.

TOWN HALL WATER BOND- WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

The scope of the project(1) and cost of the project(2) was recapped by Stillman, council had copies of the slide show done for the public last June 2017. He broke down the scope of the 2 priorities being considered and their estimated costs. His last slide sharing that he feels the projection he shows for rate are comparable to peer communities. Cost to residents/rate structure(3) was a pretty long conversation. Council really wanted to make a commitment to a maximum of the water bills for doing these projects if the bond passes. They felt it important to make this statement public before the citizens vote in November. After much discussion which this statement is also being used on the flyer for community education on the bond that will be something to the effect of Water bills will not exceed \$55.00 for the funding of these improvements; they are making sure they will not over commit in loans. Various agencies present all reminded the council of their duty to provide safe and healthy drinking water to their citizens and that includes being stewards of planning and preparing. The council is encouraged to be sure that citizens know what the value is to the community for voting for this bond as well as the benefits to them. Identify the need, purpose recommendations and identify costs, which means yes rates will have to go up. Bond Outreach and Town Hall meeting format(4 & 5). Nancy and Howard both ran down the stages of how the Town Hall could go. Council also agreed they would like to see Councilman McDaniel speak giving a brief history and background on how we got to this point, he agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:55am

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer


Mary J Zichko, Council President

Approved at Council on 10/2/18

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