

Approved Minutes

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

Tuesday, September 3, 2019
7:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Zichko called the meeting to order: 7:00 P.M She asked visitors please sign in and likes to see so many people coming to the meetings and would like to see it more.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Zichko; Councilman McDaniel; Councilman Hill; Councilman Spencer; Councilwoman Denis; Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Yarbrough; Public Works-Anthony Brandt. Not Present: Planner & Attorney.

Mayor Zichko address the crowd of people in the room, as she believed they were all primarily here for **ACTION ITEM #12**; “DISCUSSION/DECISION Regarding the Kootenai County Prison Release Facility possible locations.” The Mayor tried to clarify the purpose of this agenda item, was at the request of a councilwoman, she wanted to share the information she learned at a meeting last week and wanted to be sure the city council was made aware of it. The only decision for the council will be is “does the council as a whole want to write a letter or if they want to just do this as individually and not as a city”; the public hearing is regarding the FY2020 Budget. Due to the sheer number of people present she moved this item up to the first thing on the agenda. She gave the floor to Councilwoman Denis as she was the one who had requested this matter to be placed on the agenda item #12. Councilwoman Denis introduced herself and shared with the council how she had come about hearing information regarding the matter of Kootenai County being considered as a possible location for the placement of a Prison Release Facility. She felt it was a big enough topic and wanted to be sure her fellow councilman were aware of this same information, there is not a public hearing tonight on this. If the rest of the council felt it necessary at this point to write a letter to the governor on whether or not they would deny or support such facility, somewhere near the City of Athol. After her brief explanation she handed the floor over to Deborah Rose and Duane Rasmussen to each speak a little further on the matter. Deborah Rose shared the same information that was previously shared the week prior at a public meeting she had hosted, were 200 plus people attended. She shared some of the specifics that she is aware of regarding such a facility. She is basically asking the city to be pro-active on his matter and pass a resolution saying the city would deny such a facility here in the City of Athol. Then Duane spoke regarding the history of this matter, his background of working with attorney generals on the criminal side, and that he worked with the City of Hayden a few years back. He believes this type of Retry program is a clear and present danger to our county. He wants to fight for it to not come to our county. The council did not have any further question for the speakers. Councilman Hill shared that there has been a misunderstanding as to what today was about. Mayor asked if the council wanted to make any type of decision. Councilman Hill felt it is not a decision for the council to make today and believes at this point it is not a city matter, and it should be left as an individual opinion. The council did share they now see how big of a concern this is to the community, likely bigger than they realized. Citizen, Vicki Selia, spoke up to say she believes it was the language used on the agenda that lead so many people to show up tonight. **No Motion made** *DISCUSSION **NO ACTION TAKEN**

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) **Public Works Report-** Anthony submitted written report and mentioned just doing the same old things, Athol Daze was a big one this month, Lakes Hwy District gave some hot patch to fill some potholes. Councilman McDaniel asked for an update on the water design process. Briefly he discussed the options that were considered to us for types of tanks. Also, meter options- do we go digital or stay as we are, staff was told to look into this further to see all the pros and cons of each. The Mayor asked the council to move on to the next item, since staff needs to look into things more.
- 2) **City Elections for Mayor and Council** - Lori shared just a reminder, the last day to file for Candidate if you are running for the Mayor or Council position. Copies are available from Lori in the office. The period ends this Friday, September 6th by 5:00pm, yes, the clerk's office will be open until then.
- 3) **Athol Daze Review** – Lori gave a brief run-down of income and expenses for Athol Daze. The success of the live auction and t-shirts did contribute to a net reserve and there was a brief discussion as to what to do with those funds. Staff said they would like to further discuss this under agenda item #10.
- 4) **Review of the FY2020 Regular Council Meeting Dates** – Lori shared the list of next year's dates for council meeting. There were no dates that might be in conflict with holidays so there were no changes made.

ACTION ITEMS:

5) APPROVAL OF THE August 20th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by McDaniel, seconded by Spencer that we approve the last regular meeting on August 20th, minutes without amendments. *DISCUSSION All in favor- **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

6) APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by Hill, seconded by Denis that we

approve paying August/September bills as submitted as submitted. *DISCUSSION-Lori shared that one bill was missed, but we took it out, it was the ICRMP bill, as that is because our bill was much larger than normal, and Lori wants to look into it further. All in favor- Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2020 BUDGET Appropriation Ordinance #426 was opened by the Mayor at 7:53pm to take comments. One comment, by Matt Rosner of Athol, ID-regarding the water meter budget. His concern is keeping the money local, don't go to electronically read meters. "Don't spend the money on them." With no other public comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:55pm.

7) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Ordinance #426 The FY2020 Annual Budget Appropriation Motion by Denis, second by Hill to place proposed ORDINANCE #426 the FY2020 Annual Budget Appropriation, on its first and only reading by title only while under suspension of the rules. *DISCUSSION- Roll Call: Denis-yes; Hill-yes; Spencer-yes; McDaniel-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

The Mayor then read the proposed ordinance by title: ORD #426 - AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 2,274,189.00 TO DEFRAID THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF ATHOL FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION 1st by Spencer, 2nd by McDaniel to approve the passing of ORDINANCE #426 the FY2020 Annual Budget Appropriation without changes as presented and to direct the clerk to publish by summary only incorporating the title as to the body of the summary. *DISCUSSION **Roll Call Vote: Councilman Hill-yes; Councilman Spencer-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes; and Councilwoman Denis-yes; **Motion Passed. ACTION ITEM****

8) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of the L-2 Property Tax Levy paperwork – Lori shared no changed since it was last presented. Motion by McDaniel, seconded by Denis to authorize the Mayors signature on the 2019 Property Tax Levy forms and submit to the county. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: Spencer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Denis-yes; Hill-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

9) **DISCUSSION/DECISION for City Resolution 2019-04 to Dissolve the Street Fund and transfer into the General Fund. Motion by Denis, second by Spencer to approve Resolution 2019-04 to Eliminate the City Street Fund and direct any remaining/outstanding balance in such fund to the General Fund, under the street department, and further any unrestricted or committed accounts/balances shall also be transferred over to the General Fund. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: McDaniel-yes; Denis-yes; Hill-yes; Spencer-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

10) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL for Park Picnic Tables and Garbage Cans – Anthony shared the need for a more picnic tables to replace ones that get broken as well as his interest in slowly getting garbage cans with lids for around the park. Lori then added a reminder of the money made from Athol Daze and that generally the council has made a year-end purchase of items that will benefit the park. There were a few samples given to the council regarding the type and style Anthony was looking at. After a brief conversation the council directed the staff to draw up a resolution to commit the Athol Daze profits to park improvements, and asked staff to look at some other possible vendors, that might not cost as much.*DISCUSSION No Motion made. NO ACTION TAKEN**

11) **DISCUSSION/DECISION to Authorize Keller Associates to proceed with at least the Final Design Phase and/or others, as per the contract for the Water Improvements. Motion by McDaniel, second by Hill to Authorize Keller Associates to proceed onto the Final Design Phase as well as with the other phases (Bidding Phase, Construction Phase, and Resident Project Representative services) for the Water Improvements; with the stipulation that Anthony keeps the council up to date on where we are at in the steps. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: Hill-yes; Spencer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Denis-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

12) **DISCUSSION/DECISION Regarding the Kootenai County Prison Release Facility possible locations.**
- Councilwoman Denis **This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting. No motion. NO ACTION**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE- No one present.

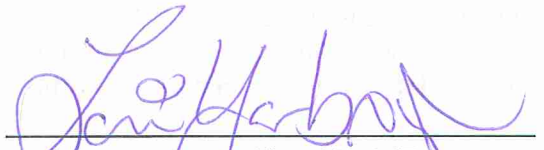
PUBLIC COMMENTS – Cindy Perry- wanted to share her concern with the agenda language and how for a topic like this it contributed to the volume of people showing up, there should be more thought put into the language used and that there was an attitude of not feeling welcome at the meeting tonight.

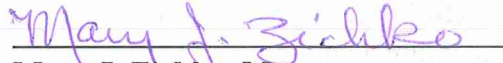
ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council- Councilman Spencer- shared 1) the Athol Farmers Market is having their “Fall Festival” on 9/27/19 Should be a big day with live music the band The Powers with Jacob Maxwell from the Voice. 2) Last market date for the season is 10/4/19. 3) the Christmas Market is set for 12/7/19 the Ladies Auxiliary is doing Cocoa and Cookies the same date but are moving to downstairs and the market will be upstairs in the gym, and Athol Baptist Church is looking at joining in with their craft vendors- it’s going to be big! / **Mayor –** 1) Will be ringing the Salvation Army bell, on the Mayors Day at Fred Meyers and in turn the Athol Food Bank will be added to the list to receive additional foods. 2) the AIC is offering a Mayor’s Challenge for Walk-October- and she will be planning on doing this walk, of \$10,000 steps a day- she could earn money for the city that she would apply for the park improvements. / **Staff Lori-** 1) shared city hall will be closing early on Tuesday 17th through Friday the 20th as she and the deputy clerk are both attending the Clerk conference in Nampa. 2) Reminded that this Thursday at 5:00pm is an open house for the public to review the draft Transportation Plan, council was emailed a link to review it. **Anthony-** 1) will be going on vacation Friday 9/6/19 through Friday

9/13/19. 2) he also, shared he was approached by Athol Elementary armed guard, Mike Hogan, who was asking if they can paint some crosswalk crossings at the crossing at Menser. Anthony will be there with him when doing it.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:00pm

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer


Mary J. Zichko, Mayor

Approved at Council on 9/17/19