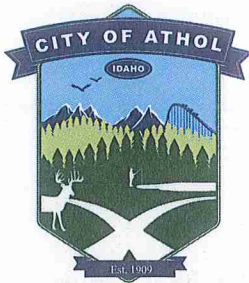




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**Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting**  
Held in the Council Room in City Hall

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
**7:00pm Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor, Bill Hill, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE      ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Bill Hill; Councilman McDaniel; Councilwoman Baldwin; Councilman Spencer; Councilwoman Denis; City Clerk/Treasurer-Lori Yarbrough; Public Works- Anthony Brandt; Not Present: City Planner- Rand Wichman; and City Attorney- Caitlin Kling

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer Report** – Lori submitted written report and read the ending account balances. STCU Checking = \$108,488.16; STCU Savings = \$66,410.03; LGIP = \$818,060.88; Misc. income was Shane’s regular insurance \$52.00; Josh’s insurance \$1,515.02; & HJ Grathol \$2,844.00 = total \$4,411.02. Lori also shared the 1st quarter year to date Financial Statement.

**Water Report** – Lori submitted written report and read aloud. December usage = 2,296,600 gal. (haulers 180,500) and **January usage = 2,071,526 gal. (haulers 123,000); Billing in January was \$11,282.00 plus \$370.00 in late fees and collected was \$12,574.50.** Late fees this month are likely to be at about 30+, and 6-7 accounts to get notices of shut-off for being greater than 60 days past due.

**Planner Report** – Rand submitted a written report but was not present. Written report short, one new Location/Site Disturbance Permits issued for the partially completed building on Gary Fast’s property at 30655 N Old Hwy 95. And Idaho Forest Group has applied for a permit for a new shipping office at the mill site. That permit is pending. The Crossing at Athol construction on the sewer treatment plant continues, some minor communications with the credit union regarding their building on Lot#12; and started conversations with HJ Grathol discussing the platting of the 3 acres parcel that is between Old Hwy 95 and the new Hwy. Anthony and Rand worked with Gary Fast to resolve the violations at his property on 30622 N Old Hwy 95. This progress will now allow for him to begin working in the subdivision again. New Annexation for Idaho Forest Group application and reimbursement agreement has been submitted, that process will now begin. This is for the 68 acres of property locked between the railroad tracks headed south until they cross. The Mayor added his concerns regarding code enforcement and the horses and such lately in town, is why he feels in our fee schedule we need to add the daily fees; to help better detour people from code violations.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Fair Housing Proclamation by Mayor Hill-** Read a proclamation that deems April 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Athol. It marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1968.
2. **Dr. Meyer Lakeland School Superintendent** – Dr. Becky Meyer spoke briefly to share that on the school district’s website you will find the Long-Range Facility Plan that we just finished, as well as the January 2020 Accountability Report. She really wanted to encourage everyone to

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look through those documents sharing an update on the Long-Range Facility Plan and Accountability Report for the school district.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE February 4<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion by Denis, second by McDaniel that we approve the regular meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>, without amendments.**

**\*DISCUSSION *All in favor-None opposed.* Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

**2. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by McDaniel, second by Baldwin to**

**approve Paying Feb/March bills as submitted without amendments. \*DISCUSSION- *All in favor-None***

***opposed.* Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

**3. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to allow the necessary repairs to the city's Chevy pick-up, to be done by C & L Repair Inc., not to exceed \$700.00. – Anthony discussed what he needs to have done, i.e.**

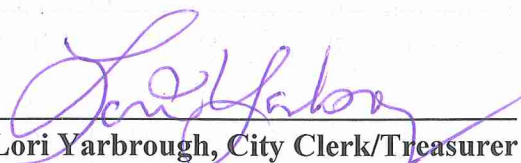
**brakes, rotors, pack wheel bearings and replace calipers and pads. Motion by Spencer, second by Denis to approve the truck repairs expenses at C & L Repair, not to exceed \$700.00. \*DISCUSSION- *All in favor-None opposed.* Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**


**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 1) Margaret Whalen asked/spoke about calves and the smell they produce, from a long-ago neighbor. 2) Deputy Claussen- just wanted to share that there is an agitated member of the community whose very unhappy with males, and to be careful walking around the 4<sup>th</sup> and McTavish area. Call the police if you encounter someone who's harassing you, take him very seriously for your safety.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **City Council**— none / **Mayor**-was wondering about some type of water round up program for citizens who may need help paying their water bill. There was a brief discussion on what we found out (pros and cons) of having such a program, it was left at not something that can be easily done. / **Staff-** Lori 1) Reminder she is going on vacation for a few days; 2) With the Farragut circle and ITD beginning to discuss changes there, if anyone from the city or the Mayor should maybe look into when they are meeting and what the plans are. Just in case or so we know how it may impact the city. The Mayor was interested in finding out more about it.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:27 pm.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer**

  
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**Bill Hill, Mayor**

Approved at Council on 3/3/2020