

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

Tuesday, July 7, 2020  
7:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He asked visitors to please sign in. This meeting was held via Zoom with the online link, with meeting ID and Password being posted on the agendas as well as a phone-in option. (2 Public Participants via zoom)

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Hill; Councilwoman Baldwin; Councilman Spencer; Councilwoman Denis; Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Yarbrough, and Public Works-Anthony Brandt, Deputy City Clerk- Tanya Ziegler; Not Present: Councilman McDaniel, City Planner, & Attorney

**REPORTS:**

**Public Works Report-** Anthony submitted written report, no additional discussion.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1) APPROVAL OF THE June 16<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion by Spencer**, that we approve the last regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, minutes without amendments. **\*DISCUSSION** All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

**2) APPROVAL OF THE June 30<sup>th</sup> Code Amendment Workshop MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion by Denis**, that we approve the Code Amendment workshop meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>, minutes without amendments. **\*DISCUSSION** All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

**3) APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by Spencer** that we approve paying

June/July bills as submitted without amendments. **\*DISCUSSION**-All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

**4) (Mayor MOVED ITEM# 9 to #4) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL from Fatbeam/Ednetics related to the BROADBAND GRANT. Graham Taylor and Matt Harmon spoke via zoom. They gave a basic introduction of the CARES Grant and how they are looking to help us get better bandwidth here in the city. They did make an initial offer of lowering the monthly or reoccurring costs, not included in the CARES grant from the \$1000 range to \$500 and said if the city is interested that we could further discuss costs and terms. There is, however, a very quick turnaround time for this, about a week. After a brief discussion, council thanked them for their time and then discussed it a bit more after they were no longer in the zoom call. Council then had a further discussion regarding costs and terms and then made a motion as follows: Motion by Spencer to move forward with Fatbeam/Ednetics to apply for the CARES grant to get better bandwidth in the city at city hall or in the parks and city common areas, if their terms can be met. The city asking for \$300 a month, a longer-term agreement like 3-5 years or greater, a fixed amount (no escalator). They directed the staff to contact and see if Fatbeam would agree**

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to those terms. **\*DISCUSSION** Roll Call Vote: Spencer-yes; Baldwin-yes; Denis-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

5) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL for Waterline Easement w/ HJ Grathol (Crossings-Lot #10)** Motion by Baldwin, that we approve the Waterline Easement as presented and authorize the Mayor's signature on this agreement. **\*DISCUSSION** Roll Call Vote: Spencer-yes; Baldwin-yes; Denis-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

6) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to waive the Building Location Permit Fee (\$150) for the Timberlake Fire Dept. for placement of a cargo container, that exceeds 200 square feet.** Motion by Denis that we deny the request to waive the \$150 permit fee for the Fire District, but in light of the good working relationship the city and the fire department has, the penalty/fine of additional \$150 for not getting a permit first will be waived. **\*DISCUSSION**-Mayor and Clerk shared what the request was, and the council had a brief discussion, none of the council or staff were aware of any prior agreements to waive any fees, nor was anyone aware the fire department was not charging us for things they could. **Roll Call Vote: Baldwin-yes; Denis-yes; Spencer-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

7) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to allow for a Caterer permit to Matthew Isom, with D-Mac's Burgers BBQ & More from Hauser for the 80's Murder Mystery Party in the gym on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 hosted by Jeni Cook of Crime Scene Entertainment.** Lori shared that Jeni Cook is renting the gym for an event in which she would like to have alcohol. There was a brief discussion regarding the safety and hours etc. of the event. Motion by Baldwin, that we allow a 1 day caterer's permit to Matthew Isom of D-Mac's for the 80's Murder Mystery on 8/8/2020; with conditions: Serving time: 1 hr. before event 6pm to 30 minutes before end of event 10:30pm; Type of alcohol-Hard, alcohol-allowed only if a licensed and bonded security guard is hired to cover the event, otherwise beer and wine only will be allowed. Number of people not to exceed 100, to keep with social distancing recommendations. **\*DISCUSSION- Roll Call Vote: Baldwin-yes; Denis-yes; Spencer-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

8) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to purchase a new conference table from Uline; not to exceed \$650.00.** Discussion- New council chairs are being donated to the city and so we would like to purchase a new table to go with them. Motion by Denis to approve the purchase of a new conference table, not to exceed \$650.00. **\*DISCUSSION – Roll Call Vote: Denis-yes; Spencer-yes; Baldwin-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

9) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL from Fatbeam/Ednetics related to the BROADBAND GRANT MOVED to #4- ACTION ITEM**

10) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Continue or Cancel Athol Daze 2020** **\*DISCUSSION-** After a lengthy discussion regarding the risks and rewards for doing the beloved annual event a motion was made. Motion by Denis to cancel the 2020 Athol Daze event and tp spent up to \$1,500 for the On-line Drawing alternative as just discussed. There was an additional suggestion about possibly having some sort of coloring contest, or raffle for a few big prizes and having the citizen of the year video record the announcing of the winners, doing some sort of on-line presence. Staff will try and figure something out and get it out in the next newsletter. **Roll Call Vote: Baldwin-yes; Denis-yes; Spencer-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

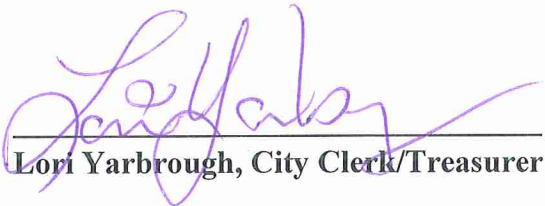
11) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL for 2 Beer Gardens for Athol Daze Caterer's Permits, and possible selection of Athol Daze Citizen of the Year – NO ACTION ITEM**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **City Council- none / Mayor- none / Staff-Lori** shared she was elected to serve as a Board of Trustees position for the III-A, as well as serve on the Finance Committee. Lori also wanted to update the council on some information about the Property Tax Relief that has come out of the CARES ACT. Upon further review Athol is not eligible for this option as we do not pay for, nor have EMS, Fire or Police services. So, the City of Athol electing to not take the 3% increase in property taxes would still not bring any savings or reduction to its citizens who pay property taxes. She shared so you understood and if any citizens ask if or why the city did not participate, unfortunately it is just part of the conditions that was written into the policy. It is in the fine print of the grant application and she also called both the Association of Idaho Cities and Idaho Department of Commerce who confirmed that Athol would not be eligible. The property owners in Athol will not see these savings regardless of the percentage you choose to do this year for property taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:23pm**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer**

  
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**Bill Hill, Mayor**

Approved at Council on 7/21/2020

