

Approved Minutes

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

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He asked visitors to please sign in.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Hill; Councilwoman Baldwin; Councilman McDaniel; Councilwoman Denis; Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Yarbrough, and Public Works-Anthony Brandt; Caitlin Kling, Attorney.
Not Present: City Planner, & and Councilman Seat #2- Vacant.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Hill made an appointment of Calvin Stack for Council Seal #2.

REPORTS:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1) **APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION for the Appointment of Council Seat #2**

Motion by Denis that we approve the appointment of Calvin Stack by Mayor Bill Hill for the Council Position #2. * **DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote:** Denis-yes; Baldwin-yes; McDaniel-yes. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM

Mayor then swore in the new councilman, Calvin Stack.

2) **APPROVAL OF THE August 18th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Baldwin, that we approve the last regular meeting on the 18th, minutes without amendments.
***DISCUSSION** All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) **APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED:** **Motion by McDaniel, that we approve paying August/Sept. bills as submitted without amendments.** ***DISCUSSION**-All in favor-none opposed.
Motion passed. ACTION ITEM

4) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of a new BEER/WINE Off Premises License for the new 76 Gas Station at the Crossings, Kay's Quick Stop. – Lori** **Motion by Denis, that we approve a new Beer/Wine Off Premises License for Kay's Quick Stop located at 30396 N Roberts Rd. for the current 2020 year.** ***DISCUSSION Roll Call:** Councilwoman Denis-yes; Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes; Councilman Stack-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

5) **UPDATES/APPROVALS related the Water Improvements and the Pre-Construction Meeting from 8/26/2020.** Mayor Hill and Staff

- a. **ACTION ITEM- Motion by McDaniel to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Contract with NNAC for the Water Improvements and sign the Notice to Proceed, contingent on the funding agencies, DEQ and Rural Development, approval and the**

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City Attorney's review. *DISCUSSION – Roll Call: Councilwoman Denis-yes; Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes; Councilman Stack-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

- b. **ACTION ITEM – Motion by Baldwin to authorize the Mayor to sign the monthly invoices for payments to DEQ and include a review by Council President McDaniel, via email, on the Water Improvement Projects.** – This was a request by the Mayor to also include Councilman McDaniel on the review of the invoices for the work being done on the water improvements. Invoices will be emailed to him. Lori reminded the council that before checks are written, funds from DEQ and will be listed on the monthly bills for council review.*DISCUSSION Roll Call: Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes; Councilman Stack-yes; Councilwoman Denis-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**
- c. **POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM/DISCUSSION – Anthony to discuss with Council Cemetery Road Access for larger heavy equipment related to the Water Tank replacements.** There was a brief conversation regarding the road access for the new water tanks and the equipment of NNAC's getting through the cemetery to the tank locations. Anthony will be meeting with them and thinks he found a work around for them that will not require much of a change. He will keep council posted if he finds it won't work.
* DISCUSSION Only. No motion or decision was made. *

PUBLIC HEARING:

APPROVAL of the FY2021 Annual Budget Appropriation Ordinance #429 and use of the Forgone Money. The Mayor **OPENED** the public hearing at 6:26 pm. He reminded everyone this hearing was to take and consider public comment on the adoption of ORDINANCE #429 the FY2021 Annual Budget Appropriation. The Mayor stated how the public hearing was to proceed and reminded everyone to speak loud and clear, as it is being recorded. Anyone wishing to speak tonight, now is the time. There was only one comment: David Harrison, of 30695 N Meadow, commented he was trying to look at the budget, but ultimately was interested in what the water rates would be moving to, and if there was any study done on the rates. **The Mayor then CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING at 6:28 pm.** The Mayor and council added in their comments to further clarify to Mr. Harrison that the city has done a rate study and other things regarding the preparation for the Bond Election, that was passed to pay for the improvements. Mayor Hill agree it was cheap for so long, that unfortunately now we are all paying for it. It was also shared as a reminder that with over \$4,000,000 in improvements and almost half of that being paid for with grants the city got, it is a huge help to the 300 plus water connections who have to pay for it. But free money always comes with red tape and the city is obligated to raise the rates to closer to the average to make the lenders happy.

- 6) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of the FY2021 Annual Budget Appropriation Ordinance Motion by Baldwin to place proposed ORDINANCE #429 the FY2021 Annual Budget Appropriation, on its first and only reading by title only while under suspension of the rules.** *DISCUSSION- Roll Call: Councilwoman Denis-yes; Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilman Stack-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

Mayor then read the proposed ordinance by title: ORD #429 - AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 5,134,043.00 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 by Denis, to approve the passing of ORDINANCE #429 the FY2021 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: Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilwoman Denis-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes; and Councilman Stack-yes. **Motion Passed. ACTION ITEM**

7) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Resolution 2020-06 Declaring the Intent to Collect \$387.00 In Forgone Money and to authorize the signing of the 2020 L-2 Property Tax Levy paperwork.** Motion by McDaniel, to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the 2020 Property Tax Levy forms and the Resolution #2020-06 for the Forgone money and submit to the county. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilman McDaniel-yes; Councilwoman Denis-yes; Councilman Stack-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

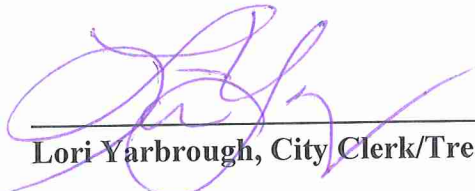
8) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of RESOLUTION 2020-07 Inter-fund Transfers as Carryover from FY2020 to FY2021 from General Fund and Water Funds; and identifying the corresponding line-item of each fund in the General and Water Funds.** Motion by Baldwin, to Approve Resolution #2020-07 an Inter-Fund Transfer for the total amount of \$58,000 from the general and water funds to the general and water funds as Carryover from FY2020 to FY2021. *DISCUSSION- Roll Call: Councilman McDaniel-yes; Councilwoman Baldwin-yes; Councilman Stack-yes; and Councilwoman Denis-yes. **Motion Passed. ACTION ITEM**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None


ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council- none / Mayor- none / Staff-Lori shared that she made a mistake when posting the notice for the Allund West Subdivision Public Hearing. It was to be scheduled for the Sept. 15th regular council meeting, but while most of the notices and signage did go out, the notice in the CDA Press did not get done. Lori offered a couple options for a time to re-post for and hold the public hearing. After a brief discussion, the council agreed at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Oct 6th would be fine. She will get things reposted and the notices resent out. Rand is available on that date and will notify the applicant of the error and reschedule. Lori also asked if the council was interested in having the Ordinance workshop that same day at 5pm just before the regular meeting at 6pm. Council was open to that.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:49pm

ATTEST:



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer



Bill Hill, Mayor

Approved at Council on 9/15/2020

