



Approved Minutes

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

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilwoman Devine; Councilman McDaniel; Councilwoman Kramer; Deputy Clerk-Tanya Ziegler; Public Works-Kevin Foster. Not Present: Councilman Cutaiar, Zach Jones, Attorney and Rand Wichman, City Planner.

REPORTS:

WATER REPORT- Lori submitted written report for May and Tanya read aloud. May usage was at 4,071,808 gallons and coin haulers were 291,700 gallons. Coin Haulers money deposited in May was \$957.50. Metered water billed was \$20,754 and overage billed was \$1,726.00. Late fees were \$675.00.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Kevin submitted a written report for May.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE May 16th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**
Minutes weren't finished, so item was tabled.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by Kramer, that we approve paying the May/June bills as submitted without amendments.** *DISCUSSION- All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**
- 3) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to sign the updated Joint Powers Agreement with III-A. Motion by McDaniel, to approve the Mayor signing the updated JPA with the III-A.**
*DISCUSSION Tanya explained that there were mainly just grammar clean-ups and edits, and the Board of Trustees seats were reassigned. Roll Call: Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**
- 4) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Catering Permit 2023-02 for Bent Tree Brewing for the July Farmers Market Celebration on July 7th. Motion by Devine, to approve Catering Permit #23-02 for Bent Tree Brewing on July 7th.** *DISCUSSION Roll Call: McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; Kramer-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**
- 5) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Catering Permit 2023-03 for the American Legion #149 for The annual Athol Daze Celebration on August 12th. Motion by Devine, to approve Catering Permit #23-03 for the American Legion on August 12th.** *DISCUSSION Roll Call: Devine-yes; Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

NOTE: The City will make reasonable accommodations for anyone attending this meeting who require special assistance for hearing, physical or other impairments. Please contact the City Clerk at (208) 683-2101 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting date and time.

6) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Resolution 2023-07 Adopting the ISPWC and Supplemental Construction Specifications to the ISPWC and Design Standards. Motion by Devine, to approve Resolution #2023-07 as presented. *DISCUSSION** Tanya reiterated that passing of this resolution will result in needing to do some updates to the city code, as previously mentioned by Rand. Kramer had some general questions about concrete for sidewalks, sewer requirements, and wet taps for water. McDaniel and PW Kevin answered her questions. Roll Call: Devine-yes; Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes. **Motion passed.**

ACTION ITEM

7) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to purchase a mini/split heater for the new shop office on 6th Street.** Kramer had some questions and Cutaiar was needed to answer them, so **this item was tabled to do more research on which mini/split would be best.**

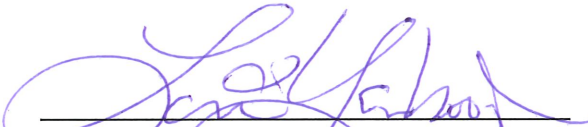
8) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Declare Various Properties as a Nuisance. Motion by Devine, to declare 5699 E. Menser Ave a nuisance and direct staff to take the next steps. *DISCUSSION** There was some discussion on the city's process for nuisances. McDaniel wondered why we can't do the daily fines yet. It's our understanding at this point that we do a 45-day Zoning Violation letter, file a Notice to Title, then a 10-day Nuisance Violation letter. Then we could start the daily fines. We're still trying to figure out exactly how to do that with the county sheriff's dept. Roll Call Vote: McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; Kramer-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: City Council- Kramer-wants a workshop to discuss the city's priorities. She would also like to speak to our attorney about procedures and timelines for code enforcement. / **Mayor-** brought up some issues we've been having at the cemetery, with people putting things on and around graves that aren't allowed by city code. Kevin suggested putting up a sign at the entrance with our code spelled out on it. / **Staff** – none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1) Wyatt Jenkins, 30150 N. 2nd St.-had complaints about property at 5699 E. Menser, like excessive garbage & speeding up and down the road. 2) Grant Jenkins, 5777 E. Menser Ave.- had complaints about property at 5699 E. Menser, like their cars and garbage being put on his property, and someone living in the travel trailer on the property. 3) Lisa Bennett, 5929 E. Grove Ave.-shared that there's someone living in a car near her house. 4) Chris Dickensheets, 30150 N. 1st St-had complaints about 5699 E. Menser Ave. also. He wondered if we could get the Fire Department and BNSF Railroad involved. Kevin said he's talked to both, and BNSF said they would have vehicles towed if the city asks. Chris also said that he thinks they've been burning garbage in the house, which forces him to go inside and close his windows due to the smell.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:04pm

ATTEST:



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer



Bill Hill, Mayor

Approved at Council on *6/20/23*