



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Hill; Councilwoman Devine; Councilman McDaniel; Councilwoman Kramer; Councilman Cutaiar; Clerk/Treasurer-Lori Yarbrough; Public Works-Kevin Foster. Attorney, Zach Jones, and Rand Wichman, City Planner.

REPORTS:

TREASURY REPORT - Lori submitted a revised February 2023 report. She mentioned to you at the last meeting that the bank statements hadn't been balanced yet. They have been balanced now, so she wanted to update the council with the actual February ending statement balances.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) **APPROVAL OF THE March 7th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by McDaniel, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes on the 7th, without amendments.

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

2) **APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by Kramer that we approve paying the March/April bills as submitted without amendments.** *DISCUSSION Lori wanted to share a few other miscellaneous large amounts that while are not checks, will be coming out of the account in March. They were listed at the bottom of the bills report. (The opening of the P1FCU accounts \$80,000; The refund of the Luxury Garage Condos Performance Bond \$19,250; the 1st quarter payment to P1FCU for the Water Loan \$19,131.50; and the February Impact fees to Timberlake Fire \$171,311 and KCEMSS \$8,268.50) -All in favor- none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of the Luxury Garage Condo Platting and authorize the Mayor's signature on the final plat documents. Motion by Kramer, to approve the LGC Platting Mylars and authorize the Mayor's signature when presented to the City.** *DISCUSSION – Rand briefly gave an explanation as to why the council was seeing this document and how going forward, assuming the code amendments on tonight's agenda pass, you will not see these as it will now be addressed in the code procedurally. This application was taken before the code amendment will take affect for the new procedures, so we needed council to authorize the mayor's signatures on these documents. This also includes the CC & R's, that cover rules like no businesses on site, no living quarters in the units and no bathrooms. **Roll Call:** McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; Cutaiar-yes; Kramer-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

DISCUSSION:

Street Standard Updates – Clear View Triangle information was provided to the council from Stillman, our engineer from Keller Associates. After a brief discussion Councilman McDaniel suggested we use “edge of asphalt” rather than center of the road, and we don't have curbs or sidewalks so he thinks this might be best. The Council liked the idea of differing scenarios based upon the intersections being uncontrolled, somewhat controlled and controlled. Staff will pass these comments back on to Stillman

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and the council would like to see this in the draft before it comes to them for approval. City Planner, Rand also added that in this case the code will also need to be queued up for amendments as it currently covers a set standard regarding clear view triangles.

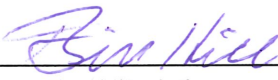
Budget Timeline – Lori shared it’s that time of year, we are required to set our Budget Public Hearing Date and give it to the County by April 30th. After a short discussion August 15th was the date agreed upon. Lori will submit that to the county. Lori also wanted to look at setting a 1st Budget Workshop Date. Tuesday May 16th at 5pm, an hour before the regular council meeting was agreed upon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Council – none. **Mayor** – Stated he has accomplished nothing in his 3 years and wants to at least get one thing he wanted done finished in his last year. He asked staff where they are at with getting the ticket books for animal control? When will it ever get done? He wanted to also know where we are at with the Engel’s property and lawsuit? He then proceeded to ask about a large handful of various properties in the city and where we are with code enforcement on them. He feels like nothing is getting done about it. After a brief discussion, staff said they would follow up on as much as they could, putting it back on the top of their to do’s. / **Staff, Lori**- 1) AIC Spring District workshop date is set for April 17th. If any council is interested let Lori know so she can get everyone registered. Kramer and Devine were both interested but the Mayor wanted to know if a half day was an option, just for the planning and zoning; not interested in the budget. Lori said she would find out for him. 2) AIC June Conference is coming up. Lori is interested in going but wants to first look at a forgoing but sociations she has heard about, to potentially get some other type of training more related to financial matters. She will try to have something before the council by the next meeting. & **Kevin** 1) Water main break at N Old Hwy 95 and Hwy 54, the northeast corner. Not sure how many gallons were lost, but the repair has been done. 2) 2023 Sanitary Survey- this is a review done by DEQ every 7 years. Just a few small things to be fixed, but otherwise it was all good. We have a copy available if anyone wants one. 3) Sidewalk project by WM Welch will be gearing back up, looking at the first week or so of April to get them back and finish the project up. 4) This Thursday he has a preconstruction meeting with Tractor Supply. 5) He tests for his Water Operators license this Wednesday. He is nervous. 6) The Spring Conference was great, feels he learned a lot, met some good contacts. Lots of information on the new lead and copper rules that should be helpful in dealing with those. 7) He would like more authority when it comes to code enforcement. Can he write tickets? Attorney said he will have to investigate that. 8) Bennett Street project- we just received the contracts and are hopeful to get a construction meeting going for that. It is a 60-day project, and we are trying to get it done before Athol Daze. 9) He got the Christmas lights and street banners down today.

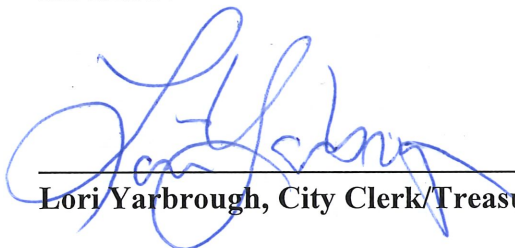
Public Comments: Jeff Perkins, county resident- regarding the picture of the top of the water tank, he suggested the city use a drone instead of sending an employee up. Lisa Bennett, 5929 E Grove, - concerns regarding the sidewalk looking so tempting to the kids, who want to walk on it; concerned over its current condition now that it is exposed again, rebar and all.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:59pm

ATTEST:



Bill Hill, Mayor



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on 4/4/23