

Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilwoman Devine; Councilman McDaniel; Councilwoman Kramer; Clerk/Treasurer-Lori Yarbrough; Public Works-Kevin Foster and City Engineer Stillman Norton. Not Present: Councilman Cutaiar, Zach Jones, Attorney and Rand Wichman, City Planner.

REPORTS:

WATER REPORT- Lori submitted report written report for April. She read the totals aloud. April usage was at 3,220,440 gallons and coin haulers were 210,000 gallons. Coin Haulers money deposited in April was \$1,268.25. Metered water billed was \$20,754 and overage billed was \$2,266.00. Late fees were \$615.00. Staff shared there were a couple of accounts that did have high usage over the winter and Kevin has confirmed the meters are still spinning. Only one account over \$500, not sure if they will request to come before the council or not yet.

2nd Quarter Year to Date Financial Statement – Lori didn't review the report out loud but shared it has been posted on the city website and is available in the office if any of the public would like a copy of it. The City is on track with the budget so far, nothing stands out on the report as a concern.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Kevin submitted a written report for April. Councilman McDaniel asked about the Bennett Street construction and when they will begin tearing that up. Kevin shared their start date is May 8th.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE April 18th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Devine, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes on the 18th, without amendments.

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE April 21st SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Devine, that we approve the special meeting minutes for the 21st, 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 the April/May bills as submitted without amendments. *DISCUSSION- All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

4) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL regarding the writing of a letter of support for Intermax Networks for a broadband grant to provide high-speed fiber internet to the area. There was a short discussion then the following motion was made: Motion by McDaniel, to approve the Mayor signing

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a letter of support for Intermax, per their request. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Stillman Norton with Keller Associates had submitted a few of their projects for their annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) and attended the awards event last month. The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) selected Keller Associates for Athol’s water project and received 1st place in Category G. The \$4.2 million dollar Water Project, Athol: Elevating Pressure at Low Maintenance, was in the Water Resources category. Stillman shared this award was due to all the hard work put in by everyone. The project was selected for their exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement, and value. Stillman then presented the Mayor with a plaque for the city to hang in city hall.

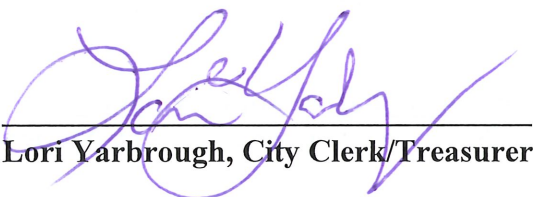
Short discussion regarding the Road Standards and Clear View Angle – Stillman gave a short recap of the ordinance revisions he drafted up that are necessary for the code amendments and shared his perspective of the various scenarios for varying parameters of the clear view angle that he selected, based upon the controls of the traffic intersection. There was nothing more than this brief discussion, and no further questions or actions taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **City Council-** none. / **Mayor-** none. / **Staff** Lori- 1) Craig with Great West Engineering is ready to set up a workshop time to review the first drafts of a Wastewater Facility Plan with the Council. Lori shared a few options of dates and the group agreed upon Tuesday, May 23rd from 4pm to 6pm. Council also told her to order two pizzas. 2) Lori next shared she is trying to put together a small ribbon cutting ceremony for the first city sidewalk and rapid flashing crossing beacons. She will let the council know once a date and time has been selected. 3) Movie in the Park- Lori shared that this year the Library will not be able to use their staff to help host a movie in the park. Lori would like to move forward and still try to get a local business sponsor and together still host a FREE movie in the park. This would be the 3rd year for it, and she would hate to see it go away. Council didn’t have any problems with it and Councilwoman Kramer said she would also help in any way she can.


PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT at 6:38pm

ATTEST:



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer



Bill Hill, Mayor

Approved at Council on 5/16/23