



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, December 5, 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; Councilman Cutaiar; City Clerk/Treasurer-Lori Yarbrough; Public Works-Kevin Foster. Not Present: Zach Jones, Attorney and Rand Wichman, City Planner.

REPORTS: PUBLIC WORKS - Kevin submitted a written report, there were no questions.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE November 21st REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**
Motion by Kramer, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes for the 21st, 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 November/December bills as submitted without amendments.** *DISCUSSION- All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**
- 3) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Purchase an Upgraded Security Camera System for City Buildings and Properties.** *(This was previously tabled from the Nov 21st meeting)* Kevin began by sharing he hasn't heard back from the SWAT guy to update his bid per their request. He did, however, get a third bid from Video Security Technology. And the owner of that company, Mr. Kerry Berg, was present to address the council to better explain his proposal. Kevin added that upon getting an additional bid, he recommends the council use Video Security Technology over SWAT. Mr. Berg then introduced himself and his history and proposal, the council asked a few questions then the following motion was made: **Motion by Cindi to approve the purchase of a new security camera system from Video Security Technology, as presented; both the 3 areas for \$19,540.00 and the new commercial water hauling station for \$1,225.00 not to exceed a total of \$20,765.00 for city hall, the city park, the big city shop, and the water hauling station and to write a check for the 50% deposit as requested by Mr. Kerry Berg.** * DISCUSSION Monthly fees will apply on the water hauler cameras until we get regular internet services there. **Roll Call:** Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; Cutaiar-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**
- 4) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Accept the Kootenai County Canvass of Election Results that was held on November 7, 2023.** Lori asked the county elections office for city specific voting totals, they were: Of the 381 registered voters in the city 113 voted. That is a 30% voter turnout. Council seats #1 & #2 ran unopposed (J. Kramer and T. Porter) and for the Mayor position Steven Cutaiar received 26 votes; Benjamin Ruenger received 20 votes; and Steven Ruch won with 67 votes received. The newly elected officials will take office at the January 16th 2024 regular city council meeting. *Approving this motion accepts the county election results.* **No further discussion, just the following motion was made: Motion by McDaniel to approve**

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the November 7, 2023 Mayor election results as presented. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes; Cutaiar-yes; Kramer-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

5) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Pay Webb's Welding for the ICE DAM Repairs at the Cemetery Standpipe.** Kevin started the discussion by first explaining what the build would look like, the council asked a few questions then the following motion was made: **Motion by McDaniel to approve using Webb's Welding for the Ice Dam repairs; not to exceed \$2,300.00.** * DISCUSSION- the actual costs should be a little cheaper than proposed, due to the donation of the 2 big pipes from Bob Wachter. **Roll Call:** Devine-yes; Cutaiar-yes; Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

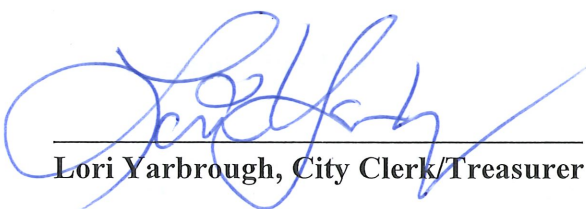
6) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Authorize a payment to contract with Reliable Electric for the new Commercial Water Hauling Station.** Kevin to explain. **Motion by McDaniel to approve using Reliable Electric to finish work on the new commercial water hauling station; not to exceed \$4,060.00.** * DISCUSSION Roll Call: Cutaiar-yes; Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council – Councilman McDaniel – asked about the map books and if Bob reviewed the information too? Kevins shared that Bob had, and he was just waiting to see if he (Shane) had any additional comments before we accepted the work. Kevin also shared he would work with Scott from Keller on the additional pinging of the meters and valves, but that timeline will depend on the snow and weather. / **Mayor** – nothing. / **Staff – Lori** 1) Reminding everyone of the Christmas and new year holiday and no deputy clerk that city hall will be closed, for probably the whole 2 weeks, resuming regular hours on January 8th. 2) Tree lighting went well. 3) Asked when we want to have a Christmas Party and where – after a short discussion, Lori was going to look at Farragut Bar and Grill here in town and everyone agreed to look at Friday 8th, this week. Lori will be in touch with everyone if they are available. 3) Lori shared, Julie's official last day was today and the new gal, Lisa Lawson will join us on January 8th after the holidays. **Kevin** 1) Wanted to know how the council felt about pushing the snow in the back parking lot across the sidewalk like normal. The difference being since we now have that sidewalk, he would rather push it to the end of the parking lot next to the fence and garbage can as long as he can, to not damage the sidewalk. The council agreed that would probably be best.

Public Comments: John Mackey (16783 Wallow Drive in Bayview) – Feels Pickleball is the fastest growing sport around here and that the City of Athol has a perfect gym upstairs to offer pickleball classes. He wanted to see if the city council was interested in allowing people to come to play a few times a week. In Bayview they have the equipment to play, as it is mobile, and they are looking for somewhere indoors during the winter to play. He wanted to know the path forward to make this possible. The council appeared to be open to the possibilities, they would just need to know specifically what he is asking of them and a bit more details. Then the clerk shared normal steps to accomplish his request, and what the next steps were to bring a request back to the council.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:53pm

ATTEST:



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer



Bill Hill, Mayor

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