



Unapproved Draft Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2024
6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Ruch called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and did the roll call.

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

REPORTS:

TREASURY REPORT - Lori submitted the September 2024 report. Lori read the ending STCU Checking account balance on the report was \$71,651.64; the ending Savings/Money Market account was \$101,305.13; and the ending LGIP account balance was \$1,270,619.61. The P1FCU Money Market is \$155,705.38 and the savings were \$34,141.13. Lori shared she did do one transfer this month on 9/9/2024 in the amount of \$30,000. Being the new fiscal year, the checking account balance runs low, and we were paying out the Athol Eats financial guarantee for \$58,140.00.

WATER REPORT- Lori submitted a written report and then read aloud the usages as listed on the report. She also shared more explanation to the council regarding Councilwoman Porter inquiries, on the report, at the last meeting that she wasn't present for.

PLANNER REPORT – Rand submitted a written report and was not present, so the mayor read aloud through the various topics in his report. Lori added that she and the Mayor attended the Mayors collation meeting where they briefly discussed the plan for addressing the updates, and that they were emailed a copy of the draft agreement, she passed it along to Rand and he will be prepared to discuss this with you all at the planning workshop, date possibly on November 5th at 5pm. There was a short discussion that resulted in everyone agreeing to having the workshop at 4pm just before the regularly scheduled council meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE October 1st REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Kramer that we approve the last regular meeting minutes for the 1st, without amendments. *NO DISCUSSION NEEDED. All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: City Council- Councilwoman Devine asked the Mayor that as city council shouldn't they be leading by example and follow the city codes? So, she wants to remind everyone of that.

Councilwoman Porter- Mentioned she notice the speed limit sign on 1st street as you enter the city, is somewhat covered by tree branches, if Kevin might be able to look at them and maybe cut them back. / **Mayor** – shared that he will have an executive session soon, and he apologized it wasn't on this one. / **Staff** – Lori shared she is still looking for other possible auditor options, but she continues to find they are all running even higher than

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what we are paying. Lastly, she wanted to share that the AIC Fall meeting she, the Mayor and Lisa attended today had a section from ICRMP and they better explained their reasoning for the increased annual premium rates. & Kevin – not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:43pm

ATTEST:

Steven Ruch, Mayor

Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on