



Approved Minutes

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

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

A Brief 6-minute budget workshop began at 5:51pm, as Councilwoman Porter wanted to ask the rest of council how they felt about moving some money around to mark for the old city hall building in the city park. She felt it important to begin saving for it in the event we decide to keep it. After a brief discussion, there were no line items changed to the budget. City Clerk Lori did share that the current budget does reflect about \$15,000.00 in the general fund under park improvements that is marked for miscellaneous, this could be used towards something to do with the old city hall building there in the city park. This workshop then ended at 6:00pm.

Mayor Ruch called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

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

REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS - Kevin submitted a written report, the council had a few questions/comments regarding the block wall getting done; and when cameras and lights will get installed at the new commercial water hauling station. Kevin shared the status on those matters with the council.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE August 20th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Devine, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes for the 20th, without amendments.

***DISCUSSION** 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-** Lori ran down the list of bills to explain any unusual bills. Councilman McDaniel shared he and staff has been working on getting the request for bids together for the Bennett Well water pump; so there may be a few hours of on-call work from Keller in next months bills. Kevin also shared he was planning on getting Coleman Oil to come fill the 2 generators for the winter they are about half full, so they may see that bill soon too. All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL of Electrical Work to Upsize Well Conductors in Pump House on Bennett Ave. Shane led a short discussion; regarding what this was about and why this was needed. Sharing it is necessary and an advanced step before getting the request for bids for the new pump for the Bennett Well. **Motion by Devine, to approve using Rickel Electric to upsize the well conductors in pump house on Bennett; not to exceed \$600.00.** ***DISCUSSION** Roll Call Vote: McDaniel-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

PUBLIC HEARING:

***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.*

FY2025 Annual Budget Appropriation Ordinance #446 Mayor opened the hearing at 6:30pm to take and consider public comment on the adoption of ORDINANCE #446 the FY2025 Annual Budget Appropriation. The Mayor asked if there was anyone wishing to speak, now is your opportunity. There were three (3) citizens in the room, and they all shook their heads saying no. After asking once more the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:31pm.

4) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of the FY2025 Annual Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Motion by Devine to place proposed ORDINANCE #446 the FY2025 the Annual Budget Appropriation, on its first and only reading by title only while under suspension of the rules. *DISCUSSION- Roll Call: Porter-yes; Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

The Mayor then read the proposed ordinance by title: ORD #446 - AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 1,373,972.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF ATHOL FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION by Devine, to approve the passing of ORDINANCE #446 while under the suspension of the reading of the rules, the FY2025 Annual Budget Appropriation as presented and to direct the clerk to publish by summary only incorporating the title as to the body of the summary and authorize the Mayor's signature on the 2025 L-2 Property Tax Levy documents. *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Porter-yes; Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes. Motion Passed. ACTION ITEM

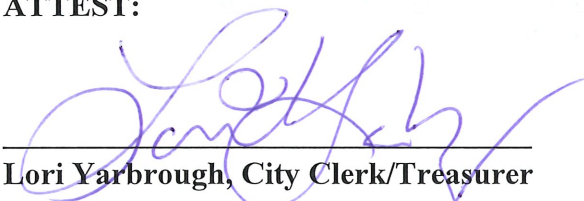
5) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Regular Meeting Dates. Motion by Devine to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Regular Meeting Dates presented & direct the clerk to post for the year. *DISCUSSION Roll Call: Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Porter-yes; Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council- McDaniel – asked about the III-A date for annual check-ups. Devine – wanted to say a “special Thank you to the staff” for their hard work on Athol Daze. / **Mayor / Staff – Lori** 1) III-A coming for Wellness checks on 9/26/24 2pm-3pm let Lori know what time you want; she can add you to the list. 2) Historic Preservation, Courtney Bebe will be here on Monday 9th to look at the old city hall building and others in the city; we will keep you posted what we find out. 3) Kootenai County made a decision regarding the Trucking Company request on Sylvan and the off ramp, she provided each council member with a copy that Rand got of their decision. 4) LHTAC tour bus will be here on Wednesday 11th to look at the Bennett Ave road project and the city sidewalks. Lori will keep the council updated on the time, it will be short notice and a really quick visit, but it is a chance to express our appreciation of the grant funds to help us with these projects.

Public Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT at 6:53pm

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer


Steven Ruch, Mayor

Approved at Council on 9/17/2024