



Approved Minutes

**City of Athol City
Budget Workshop Meeting**
Held in the Council Room in City Hall

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025
4:00pm**

The workshop began at 4:00 P.M.

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

Discussion Items:

- 1) Lori gave council a copy of the draft L-2 Levy paperwork.
- 2) For the Water Fund – Review Rate Options

This was a meeting to discuss the various options of water rate changes. The council whom were present briefly discussed some rate options, some used Kramer spreadsheet after a brief discussion the group liked raising the water haulers both the commercial and residential rates to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons. For Commercial account (both high and low) the increase would go from \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons. Lastly, the residential rate will go from \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.83 per 1,000 gallons. A change of only \$0.33 more per 1,000 gallons and this residential rate not to go into effect until January 2026 while the others will be November 2025.

The budget public hearing is still set for Tuesday August 19th at 6:00pm to approve the new FY2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. No Motions or ACTION ITEMS. Workshop Only

ATTEST:

Steven Ruch, Mayor

Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on

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.