

Approved Minutes

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

**Monday, July 14, 2025
5:00pm**

The workshop began at 5:00 P.M.

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

Discussion Items:

- 1) Review Updated Draft
- 2) Line Items – Water Fund – Review Rate Options
- 3) Projects - Discussion
- 4) FY2026 Draft of Budget to be passed (setting the high) at the ~~council meeting~~ July 15th.

NO ACTION ITEMS- Workshop Only

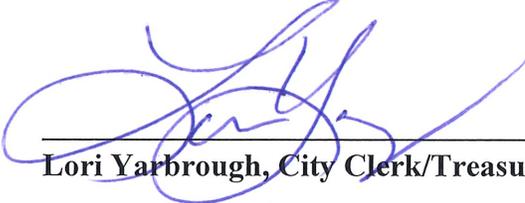
This was a meeting to review the city's updated FY26 draft budget and then discuss the various options of water rate changes. Lori prepared several scenarios for increases, and provided documents with historical data, much of the meeting was weighing options and scenarios on balancing the budget, preparing to save for future water projects and keeping the residents bills as low as they can. No decisions were made; Lori will check on some procedures to increase fees with the city attorney to be sure we are following the law on increases. The group only briefly touched on the projects and staff wish list, as there isn't much money left in the draft budgets to work with.

It was pointed out that there was no action item on the agenda for the November 15th meeting so the council agreed to have a special meeting on Tuesday July 17th at 8:00am to approve a tentative budget and get the information noticed up for the public hearing. No Motions or ACTION ITEMS.

ATTEST:



Steven Ruch, Mayor



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on 8/5/2025

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