



Approved Minutes

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

Thursday, July 17, 2025
8:00am

The workshop began at 8:03 A.M.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL for a Tentative Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Athol.

Lori shared the only 3 areas she made changes to were in the water fund, coin, bulk, and metered. This was to set the high limit, and then we will have another workshop where the council can all decide what the increases should be and lower it. Councilwoman Kramer said she had set up an excel spreadsheet that she will email to everyone if they want to run number combinations themselves. Councilman McDaniel said he started to call around and look at bulk prices for other water districts. Councilwomen Porter wanted to make a statement clarification for the record used the word luxury to describe the service we provide to the public not living inside the city limits; she feels a more accurate word to describe this is a convenience service the city provides to those outside the city.

Then Councilman Devine made a motion to approve the tentative fiscal year 2026, budget totaling \$1,188,522.00 for General and Water funds. *Discussion Roll Call Vote: Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Porter-yes; Kramer-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM

The Budget Appropriation Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 has been scheduled to be held on Tuesday August 19th at 6:00pm for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:09am

ATTEST:



Steven Ruch, Mayor



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on 8/5/2025

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