



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Ruch called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

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

REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – Pete submitted his written report and wanted to note two minor changes: 1C – is now done, all the required well samples have been completed for the year. And second that 3.a he has noted not 10 but 15 pavement failures around the city streets. Councilwoman Devine asked if anything more for the gym heaters have been done yet, Pete responded no but he hopes to tackle that soon. Councilman McDaniel then brought up Idaho Forest Group (IFG) and wanted to know if Pete has contacted them yet on the concerns of the overall water being used on their site, and if maybe we should consult our engineers first to see what they think the best couple of options might be before talking with IFG.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE August 19th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Kramer, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes for the August 19th, without amendments. *DISCUSSION All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

2) APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED:

Motion by Devine, that we approve paying the August/September bills as submitted, without amendments. *DISCUSSION * All in favor-any opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) APPROVED/DISCUSSION to Purchase 4 new 1” Water Meters. Pete shared his findings and needs as to why he wants to purchase these meters now and 2 of them will be held on-hand as there is a 9-month back order on all future orders of meters. **Motion by McDaniel to approve the purchase of four new meters as requested.** *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council –Porter wanted to ask staff if they planned on providing the assessors’ office with the information, they requested bi-annually? Mayor and Lori both responded that yes, they always have and will continue to provide it as often as they ask for it. There was a brief discussion regarding the information, volume and ways to best handle their requests since we are all paper still. Lori said it has been an ongoing discussion over the years, and she hopes to get something figured out soon. Kramer asked if anyone heard the loud noise last night about 9:45pm, no one did. She also asked if Pete had or knew of the timeline for the pipeline work, Pete said he would ask around. Lastly, she just wanted to share a thought about maybe if the city would consider adding something in the city code to help make local homes in the city more fire resistant. **Mayor** – nothing. / **Staff** – Lori – 1) Lori offered a few dates to set a sign ordinance workshop, all

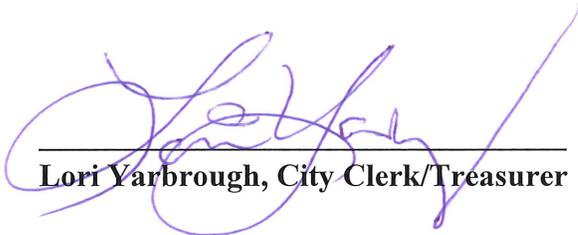
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agreed to try Tuesday Sept 9th at 3:30pm or Tuesday Sept 16th at 5:00pm just before a council meeting. Lori will check with Rand next to see which date he can make and will let the council know. 2) Reminded the council that city hall will be closed the week of Monday Sept 22nd through Thursday Sept. 25th for the ICCTFOA Clerks conference in Boise. 3) She reminded the council that the staff does have a meeting with ITD scheduled for tomorrow at 10am here. Staff will bring back their findings to the full council for any direction related to learned information on area projects or topic matters. Pete – Shared he thinks he’s seen ITD tend to cave to a minimal number of public calls and concerns in times past, so keep that in mind.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

ADJOURNMENT at 7:07pm

ATTEST:



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer



Steven Ruch, Mayor

Approved at Council on 9/16/2025