



Approved Minutes

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

**Friday, June 26, 2026
3:00pm**

The workshop began at 3:00 P.M.

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

Discussion Items: Lori shared a brief reference sheet with the council, reminding them of the roles and responsibilities of both the Mayor (Administrative) Staff, and the city council (Legislative) members. Remember them to consider the services the city provides and levels of services they are being provided at. Also urged them to contemplate any capital improvement projects they would like to be on the top of the projects lists.

- 1) Current Year's Budget To Date Review: Lori provided councilmembers with a copy of the financials to date for the current fiscal year. She noted the city is on track for this year's budget; no concerns.
- 2) FY2026 1st Draft of Budget: Lori presented the 1st draft of the budget, and they examined it line by line. This draft had \$45,000 still unallocated in the general fund and \$76,869 in the water fund. Throughout the meeting, various minor adjusting and shifting of various line items occurred. Lori will make the requested updates. Another budget workshop was scheduled for July 7th at 5:00pm.
- 3) Possible Future Projects Discussion: wasn't discussed much in this meeting; council will further deliberate on their project goals and staff will prepare a list of their project recommendations.

NO ACTION ITEMS- Workshop Only

The budget public hearing is set for Tuesday August 18th at 6:00pm to approve the new FY2027 Budget Appropriation Ordinance.

ATTEST:

Steven Ruch, Mayor

Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on 8/4/2026

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