



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Ruch called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ruch; Councilwoman Devine; Councilwoman Kramer; Councilman McDaniel; 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 shared where he is at with the water chlorine dosing plan and timeline. He has been draining the tanks and things are looking good so far, it's a process but after a couple weeks this should all be done. He will be doing some testing throughout the process. He and the staff will be reminding people to read their newsletters as they have all the information in it for residents to better understand. He's also made himself available to talk with anyone who has questions or concerns about this process.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) **APPROVAL OF THE November 18th MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Kramer, that we approve the meeting minutes without amendments just mentioned. *DISCUSSION All in favor-none opposed. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

2) **APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED:**

Motion by McDaniel, that we approve paying the November/December bills as submitted, without amendments. *DISCUSSION * Lori shared the few random unique bills and McDaniel asked about when the pins will be set for the 2 surveys recently done. Lori said that the engineers will do that soon. All in favor-any opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) **APPROVED/DISCUSSION for an Annual IT Agreement with Sandpoint Computer's** Lori explained how we can keep going month to month and pay per hour or we can do the annual contract at a flat monthly rate and give us assistance for whatever we need. There was a brief discussion on the costs and the agreement review. Then the following motion was made: **Motion by Kramer, to approve the Mayor's signature on the 1-year Annual Agreement with Sandpoint Computers upon the city attorney's review and the addition that it be clear that we are still the owner and admin of our city domain as just discussed.** * DISCUSSION **Roll Call Vote:** Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council - Councilwoman Devine asked if Lisa can still come to the city Christmas dinner next week, no one disagreed. **McDaniel-** asked if the Attorney will be present at the next meeting and have the executive session because we need some answers on the couple of situations. Lori said yes the plan is for him to be there. / **Mayor none.** / **Staff Updates Lori** – 1) Annual City Christmas Party

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dinner, Wednesday December 10th at 6pm at Candle in the Woods here in Athol be there at 5:50pm. 2) Tree Lighting was good, not as many people this year, maybe about 100ish. 3) Deputy Clerk gave resignation, Lori posted the job last week, Lisa's last day is this Friday the 5th. 4) America 250 Celebration, Lori gave the council a briefing on what it is and that she has been working with the American Legion groups on the event for Athol. It will be on the next meeting agenda for the council to approve the city applying for the \$2,500 grant to host a 250-year celebration the Friday July 3rd; more to come at the next meeting. **Pete** – none.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:00pm

ATTEST:



Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer



Steven Ruch, Mayor

Approved at Council on 12/16/2025