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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Ruch called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – Pete submitted his written report and shared he drove to Oregon and picked up the trailer and back in the same day. He used it to pick up the new fire hydrant already and will install it tomorrow.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) **APPROVAL OF THE February 17th MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Devine, that we approve the meeting minutes 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 February/March bills as submitted, without amendments.
*DISCUSSION * Amanda shared the Kootenai Electric bill credit was used. All in favor-any opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

DISCUSSION – Set a date to continue to review the Proposed Sign Ordinance amendments: Amanda had a couple of possible dates for a workshop for council to decide on after a short discussion they agreed to meet on Thursday March 19th at 5pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: City Council – Councilwoman Porter – gave an update on some bills she mentioned RS bill with no number that will negate the 1/3-acre rule for us, she encouraged the other council members to look into it. She said there are other bills, like HB626, that could affect the jail impact fees. RS33568, S1352. / **Mayor-** none. / **Staff Updates Amanda** – Ben Tarbutton from Kootenai County, has received the letter from the city for the Area of Impact, and they will get a workshop scheduled in the future and let the city know. **Pete** – none.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:42pm

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Steven Ruch, Mayor

Approved at Council on *3/17/26*

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