



Unapproved Draft Minutes

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Council Meeting

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

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

REPORTS:

TREASURY REPORT – Lori submitted the May 2026 report; Lori read the ending STCU Checking account balance on the report which was \$48,632.42; the ending Savings/Money Market account was \$67,453.67; and the ending LGIP account balance was \$1,849,430.43. The P1FCU Money Market was \$100,397.38 and the savings were \$68,758.38. Lori also shared she did a transfer for \$25,000.00 from the STCU savings to the STCU checking as the balance was getting a little low.

WATER REPORT- Lori submitted a written report and Lori shared the April usage was 5,561,641 gallons; coin haulers were 281,732 gallons. April billed utilities were \$25,376.00, overage \$1,260.00, and monies collected were \$26,512.07. Lori said she hadn't applied late fees yet since city hall was closed last week, giving people a few extra days to pay.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE June 2nd meeting minutes: Motion by Kramer, that we approve the meeting minutes for the 2nd without amendments. *DISCUSSION. All in favor-any opposed. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM****
- 2) **APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by Kramer that we approve paying the May/June bills as submitted without amendments. *DISCUSSION- Lori briefly shared not many bills this time. All in favor-any opposed. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM****
- 3) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Catering Permits for 6th Ave LLC dba Iron Pizza:**
Lori share that they are asking to be set-up at the Athol Farmers Market on the first Friday of the month for July, August & September, as well as at Athol Daze August 8th – 4 dates total. Based upon the timeline Lori suggested getting approval all at once for the 4 separate dates. After a brief discussion the following motion was made: **Motion by McDaniel, to recommend approving the 4 catering permits to Iron Pizza as requested.** *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**
- 4) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Purchase 10 more “Resettters”: Resettters bring the water meters up a foot, making them more reachable.** Pete shared that he would really like to ask for 20 of them instead of just 10 as he has learned that there are not many of them in the area and they will have to get them from the manufacturer, which may take several months. After a brief discussion the following motion was made: **Motion by Devine to approve the purchase of 20 more water meter “resettters”; not to exceed \$4,000.00.** *DISCUSSION – *This would be paid from the water*

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meter/improvements/repairs line 6455. Roll Call Vote: McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: City Council – McDaniel- shared the recent update regarding the Tallents and the cemetery deeds, documents are ready for signature, but then he asked if the city should install a fence on their property line, the council felt they were open to installing a fence on city property in the future. / **Mayor – none.** / **Staff – Pete – 1)** Shared that he has written SOP's (standard operating procedures) for how he plans to deal with parking in the city road rights of way. He felt that he now has a better understanding of how to go about the steps to address this and better uphold the city code. He has inquired with several towing companies that have shared how they do it for ITD under the state statute. He briefly recapped his procedures: He will start with a friendly reminder; then if it's still there he will flag it with 48 hours' notice and try contacting the owner of the vehicle. He will send this information into the towing system just as ITD does with pictures and the required data. If after the 48 hours' notice they have not moved the vehicle then the towing company will automatically come out and tow the vehicle. He hopes that when people see that the city is serious about the enforcement they will comply and avoid getting towed. He stated we have to enforce this to teach people that they do need to follow the rules regarding not parking in the road's rights of way. Council members then began to have further discussions the attorney reminded them this was not a discussion item and that staff was merely sharing with them that he may have found a better mechanism to uphold the code, and therefore they would not need to change the ordinance. Lori asked if council was ok with her waiting to draft their last recommended changes, to see if this helps the matter or not. She was told to still move forward with the purposed changes, and they will discuss it further when they are on the agenda. **Lori – 1)** Reminded every one of the emails she forwarded to them regarding Idaho Housing and Finance and Idaho Commerce requesting public input. 2) She asked about setting a new workshop date for the FY27 budget since Tammy couldn't attend the one for the 30th. Friday June 25th at 3pm was set. 3) Shared her interactions with AIC and Leon Duce regarding the Area of Impact with the county and the white paper by Commissioner Mattare while down in Boise at the AIC conference. 4) Lastly, she shared that the AIC conference was good and she taught a class, that had about 40 elected officials in it and a bonus. She and Amanda also got to tour the America 250 Freedom bus and visited the state capitol building. **Kramer –** Wants to know if Tammy is ready to discuss the sign ordinance amendments yet; Tammy said she needs more time as she has vacation coming up. **Porter –** Asked Lori about seeing the American 250 Freedom Trucks and if she had pictures; she thought maybe Lori should put something in the newsletter about it.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:05pm

ATTEST:

Steven Ruch, Mayor

Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on