



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

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; & Public Works-Kevin Foster. Not Present: Zach Jones, Attorney, and Rand Wichman, City Planner.

REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS - Kevin submitted a written report, the council had several various questions related to the new water line on N Old Hwy 95; the water controls and Sweeny status; and some various locations regarding code enforcement status. Kevin briefly shared updates on those matters with the council.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE July 16th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Devine, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes for the 16th, without amendments.

***DISCUSSION** All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

2) APPROVAL OF THE July 25th SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Devine, that we approve the special meeting minutes for the 25th, without amendments.

***DISCUSSION *** All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) APPROVAL OF THE July 30th BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES:

Motion by Devine, that we approve the budget workshop minutes for the 30th, without amendments.

***DISCUSSION *** All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

4) APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Motion by Kramer, that we approve paying the

July/August bills as submitted without amendments. *DISCUSSION- All in favor-any opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

5) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of Catering Permit #2024-07 for Iron Pizza for a Beer Garden at Athol Daze. Staff shared this is the final permit for beer garden number they have been a vendor for this event for the past few years. **Motion by Devine, to approve a Catering Permit #2024-07 for Iron Pizza at Athol Daze.** ***DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote:** McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

6) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL for a Tentative Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the City of Athol.

Lori shared the few updates made since the council last met and they had no additional questions. She reminded them the Budget Appropriation Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 will be held on Tuesday Sept 3rd at 6:00pm. **Motion by McDaniel to approve the tentative FY 2025 Annual City Budget Appropriation as presented and to direct Clerk to publish the Notice of Public Hearing in the newspaper.**

NOTE: The City will make reasonable accommodations for anyone attending this meeting who require special assistance for hearing, physical or other impairments. Please contact the City Clerk at (208) 683-2101 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting date and time.

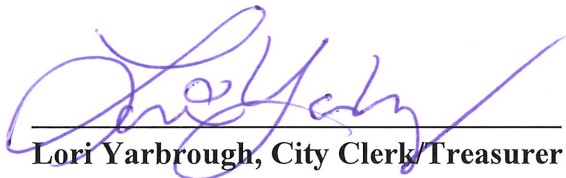
***DISCUSSION** – Lori asked if the council wanted to have one more workshop, they decided to wait and see the L-2 updates when they come in, Lori will provide to them; if anyone of them then felt they needed another meeting they will let Lori know. *** DISCUSSION - Roll Call: Porter-yes; Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Devine-yes. Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS City Council – McDaniel – asked if the council was interested in doing a field trip to get on the same page for a possible layout of parking design for the cemetery lots. He ended up drawing out a map and they felt good about that. Kramer commented she had concerns with possible water problems as she noticed Tractor Supply’s water on the side of the road and along Alice Court in the new houses area. Kevin shared that he is aware of those areas but believes those are more a result of the property owners’ choice to overwater. There was a short conversation on concerns of swales, drywells, and lack thereof, staff will look into this a bit more. Porter shared her concern for Lori having so much to do related to Athol Daze and wondered if there were any better solutions to help her. / **Mayor** – nothing. / **Staff** – Just Athol Daze.

Public Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT at 7:27pm

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer


Steven Ruch, Mayor

Approved at Council on 8/20/24