



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

6:00pm Regular Council Meeting

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

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

REPORTS:

TREASURY REPORT - Lori submitted the June 2024 report. Lori read the ending STCU Checking account balance on the report was \$1,166.63; the ending Savings/Money Market account was \$130,978.06; and the ending LGIP account balance was \$1,183,570.86. The P1FCU Money Market is \$136,120.60 and the savings were \$26,499.47.

WATER REPORT- Lori submitted a written report. Lori shared the June usage was 5,592,538 million gallons; coin haulers were 293,100 gallons. June billed utilities was \$22,482.00, overage of \$3,762.00 and collected was \$23,145.50. Lori said she didn't look to see how many accounts will be receiving a late fee this month, they hadn't run that yet. Councilman McDaniel- commented that the new water hauling station and work recently done looks nice; asked when lights and cameras will be done.

PLANNER REPORT – Rand submitted a written report and then briefly mentioned each project matter: ACI Properties, MJMB regarding their special use on SE corner of Hwy 95 and Hwy 54 for a trucking business, the county is waiting for comment from Lakes Highway District before deciding whether to approve the application. Chad Vinyard/Jack Pine Flats – the county has not yet decided on that case yet either. Colton Acres First Addition- A letter was sent to the applicant to correct some issues with their application before it can be determined to be complete. Once there is a completed application, it will be sent out to various public agencies and the city engineer for review and comment. Colton Acres Subdivision- The cul-de-sac paving at the end of Alice Court was scheduled for July 10th, he inspected today, it has not been done. He will consult with Zack on the next steps. Parking Lot/Design Stand Reviews – He is actively working with parking and landscaping on Rocky's Auto Body facility and Athol Eats food truck court. Rockys needs to basically start over due to the new requirements and Athol Eats has been approved, they should be paving soon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE July 2nd REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Kramer, that we approve the last regular meeting minutes for the 2nd, without amendments. *NO DISCUSSION NEEDED. All in favor-none opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

2) APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED: Clerk, Lori recapped a few of the less common bills and then the following motion was made: **Motion by Kramer, that we approve paying the bills as submitted.**

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

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.

3) APPROVAL/DISCUSSION of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Audit, by Alpine Summitt CPA.

– Staff asked the council if they had any additional questions as she hadn't heard from anyone, no one had any so the following motion was made: **Motion by Devine, to accept the 2023 Fiscal Audit by Anderson Bros now Alpine Summitt.** *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

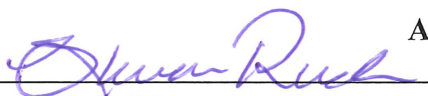
4) PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL of a Catering Permit #2024-07 for Buckshot Barber for a Beer Garden at Athol Daze. Lori shared, this would be the second beer garden for the event, we have generally had three and hope to again this year, the last one still being Iron Pizza. After a few minor questions the following motion was made: **Motion by Devine, to approve a Catering Permit #2024-07 for Buckshot Barber at Athol Daze.** *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

5) DISCUSSION REGARDING an ANNEXATION CONSIDERATION for TJ Barnhardt for property located on the southeast of the corner of Highway 54 & Sylvan Rd. City Planner, Rand briefly identified where this property is and reminded the council there is no official action item required today, just wanting to know if this is a property the city would consider for annexation, further he listed 4 questions for them to keep in mind: 1) Is the city supportive of the idea of expanding the service area for the wastewater system in the Crossings development outside of the boundaries of that project? 2) If so, would the City require annexation of the property to be served by that system? 3) Is the City interested in annexing property in this area, south of Hwy 54 and east of Hwy 95? 4) With annexation will the City require connection to the City's water system? Next Applicants, TJ and Nicole Barnhart shared they are from the area and their interest at this time is to have a Family RV Park, they can work with the county towards this goal, but access to sewer would be great for them. He then opened it up to any questions the council might have. Councilwoman Porter had concerns over the additional traffic on Hwy 54 and that general area already having so many problems. Councilwoman Kramer – shared the same traffic impact concerns. Councilman McDaniel – said the engineers have said before that we should always try and loop our water system and feels using city water may be the harder part. But we have always required city water use within the city. There was general conversation about if annexed then the city may have a bit more control over various conditions, in it stays in the county they really have no say in things. Overall, the council said they would be open to such a request but would really have to see what would be proposed and what the city engineers say about the possible water solutions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: City Council- Kramer – asked how the water line project on Hwy 95 was going and if the Mayor talked to Kevin about his plan for water meter installations. Mayor said he hadn't yet but agrees we might need to get him some help with them. / **Mayor**-working on trying to get bids for more electricity in the park on the north side, hard to get bids. / **Staff**- Lori shared we have 87 vendors so far for Athol Daze, 9 of them food. And she is working on the draft budget will get it out to the council hopefully by Friday. The first workshop was set for Tuesday 30th of July at 4pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1) City resident, Debbie Strehlou (Grove St) Asked for clarification on the road right of way, she just purchased her home on AJ Homes and has been told several things and doesn't know what to believe. She was told that there was an ally access on the north side of her property, and now finds out that there's not. She's also unhappy with the dust. After a short discussion, the staff who have been working with her, will try and continue to explain. **No other public comments.**

ADJOURNMENT at 7:14pm


Steven Ruch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at Council on 8/6/2024