



Approved Minutes

Regular City of Athol City Council Meeting

Held in the Council Room in City Hall

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Council Meeting

Mayor Ruch was absent, Council Pres. McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

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

REPORTS:

TREASURY REPORT – Lori submitted the November 2025 report; Lori read the ending STCU Checking account balance on the report was \$35,016.30; the ending Savings/Money Market account was \$42,220.40; and the ending LGIP account balance was \$1,698,832.68. The PIFCU Money Market is \$157,292.01 and the savings were \$56,947.01.

WATER REPORT- Lori submitted a written report. Lori shared the November usage was 2,524,620 million gallons; coin haulers were 206,800 gallons. November billed utilities were \$24,511.00, overage of \$448.00 and collected was \$26,900.65. Lori said she hadn't had a chance to look at how many late accounts were and thought they maybe 7 or 8 shut off notices. Pete added short update on a fire hydrant that he had to repair near Super 1 and the dental office; as it got hit. And he gave an update that he is done with the dosing and we are getting clear reports back in the testing.

PLANNER REPORT – Rand submitted a written report and recapped: the Area of Impact, Rand attended the county's meetings but said he thinks the county is going to take the position that they will closely scrutinize the various request for Areas of Impact. They also indicated they would not be supportive of any zoning or subdivision standards that were greater than other unincorporated areas of Kootenai County. A new public hearing was scheduled for Post Falls, Rathdrum, Hayden, and Coeur d' Alene on December 18th. He wants to be sure council was still wanting to keep their original guidance or revise it; he will watch to see what happens with the big 4 cities and come back to the January 20th meeting to discuss it with the council. Sheep Springs Road- Rand no real progress here this past month, he will do some pushing on it coming up and report next month.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) APPROVAL OF THE December 2nd meeting minutes:

Motion by Devine, 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 Devine that we approve

paying the October/November bills as submitted without amendments. ***DISCUSSION**-All in favor-any opposed. **Motion passed. ACTION ITEM**

3) DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to Apply for the America250 Grant and work with the Athol American Legion Family to co-host a traditional family style 4th of July celebration in the Athol city park on Friday July 3rd. Lori to share and representatives from the American Legion will also be

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present to answer any questions. Motion by Kramer, to approve the filing of the grant application and word with the Athol American Legion family for an America250 4th of July celebration this July 2026 and authorize the Mayors signature on such documents and letter of support. *DISCUSSION NOTE- Roll Call: Kramer-yes; McDaniel-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes; Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

4) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL for Resolution to Transfer Unrestricted Fiscal Year 2025 Funds (Res#26-02 & Res#26-03) to Restricted/Assigned Funds.** Staff proposed the following: General Funds: Streets \$73,000, Equipment \$10,000, Legal \$15,000, Cemetery \$15,000, and Savings \$5,000. A total of \$118,000. And possibly if they wanted in the Water Fund: Equipment \$10,000, Savings \$5,000 a total of \$15,000.00 or could be best to wait for since it was so low at the end of the FY25. After a short discussion council decided to add \$10,000 more to the cemetery fund and \$50,000 to a new equity fund for a future city hall, these both in the general fund. And they decided not to do any equity transfers in the water fund, since it was so low. Motion by Kramer to approve only Resolution #26-02 (general) moving unrestricted funds from both the general fund and the water fund with the changes just discussed. (\$178,000.00 total) *DISCUSSION Roll Call: McDaniel-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes; Kramer-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

5) **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL to cancel the January 6th meeting.** Mayor and staff to share. Motion by Devine to cancel the January 6th regular meeting. *DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote: Porter-yes; Devine-yes; McDaniel-yes; Kramer-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**

Council skipped this presentation until after the executive session, as the presenters were running late.

Presentation: III-A Annual Report – Megan Smith & Tami Testa **NO ACTION ITEM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) “to Discuss litigation with the City Attorney

Councilman McDaniel asked for a motion to go into executive session: Motion by Devine, to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) “to discuss litigation with the city attorney.”

NO DISCUSSION. Roll Call: Kramer-yes; Porter-yes; Devine-yes; and McDaniel-yes. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM** Executive Session began at 6:55pm and ended at 7:43pm.

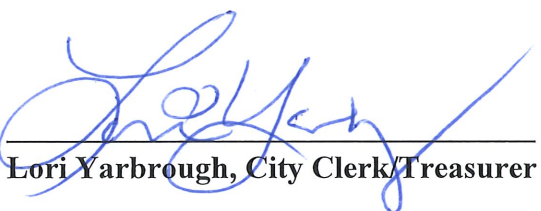
Presentation: III-A Annual Report – by III-A staff Megan Smith & Tami Testa Megan did a short review of the annual report, noting the highlights of the trust, its growth, and trends for the past year. **NO ACTION ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: City Council- none. / Staff Lori- 1) City Working on interviews for the Deputy Clerk position; 5 interviews done today and had really great candidates this time. 2) City Hall will be closed for various hours and for the holiday. Pete-Has interviewed and hired Winter seasonal help.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT at 8:10pm

ATTEST:


Lori Yarbrough, City Clerk/Treasurer


Steven Ruch, Mayor

Approved at Council on 1/20/2026