

Atwood City Council
September 17, 2015
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** September 17, 2015 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Tim Colgan at 7:00 PM. Others present were Councilmembers Gary Fisher, Dietrich Kastens, Mark Mosley, Sandy Mulligan, Mark Vrbas; City Clerk Keri Riener; City Attorney Charles Peckham; City Superintendent Rick Kramer; and Rosalie Ross of the Rawlins County Square Deal. City Police Chief Brian Withington was absent.

The **Agenda** was approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Gary Fisher, seconded by Councilman Mark Mosley, approved by all.

The **Minutes** of August 20, 2015 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Mark Vrbas, seconded by Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan, approved by all.

The **Bills** were approved as read on motion of Councilman Dietrich Kastens seconded by Councilman Vrbas, approved by all.

Public Comments: none.

Appearances:

Nicholas Bowles requested a temporary CMB permit for “Smokin’ on the Beaver” in the parking lot of the Columbian Club. The parking lot is within the city limits. This is the 12th year of the event and wristbands will be provided as in the past for those of legal drinking age. There will be a larger stage and more events for children at this year’s event. Councilman Kastens moved to approve the temporary CMB permit, seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan, approved by all. A CMB permit form was given to Bowles to complete and return. There will be a \$25 fee for the permit.

LeRoy Luedders appeared regarding the Street Light Project. There are about 16 poles left to be installed. City Superintendent Rick Kramer and Mayor Tim Colgan met with Chad Zimmerman from Midwest Energy to discuss details. Rick also called Arthur Cole with Cole Trenching to see when they might be available, as he stops to do these projects on his way through the area, otherwise there would be an additional charge. LeRoy stated the committee pays for the boring and concrete expenses. The city crew pours the concrete base and runs the conduit. Midwest Energy runs the wire. Afterward, the city crew installs the light. This project is on the city crew list of jobs to complete, but they must coordinate with the timeline of the other entities to save on associated costs.

Old Business:

Ordinance #852 was discussed. The Ordinance did not clearly state when retail alcohol liquor sales were permitted. It only included specific times for cereal malt beverage sales. Councilman Mosley moved to **amend Ordinance #852 with Ordinance #857** allowing hours of retail alcoholic liquor in the original packaging on Friday and Saturday to 11:00 pm, permitting sales on Sunday from noon to 5:00 pm and Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day with hours set forth based on the day of the week the holiday falls. This amendment more accurately reflected council intentions with Ordinance #852. Councilman Kastens seconded the motion. Mayor Colgan called for a roll call vote. Voting yes were

Councilmembers Kastens, Mosley and Mulligan. Voting no were Councilmen Fisher and Vrbas. Motion passed. This will go into effect 60 days after the second publication in the newspaper.

New Business:

Mayor Colgan suggested appointing Stephanie Goodwin to the tree board. Councilman Vrbas **moved to accept the Mayor's recommendation of Stephanie Goodwin to the tree board**, Councilman Fisher seconded, approved by all.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Keri Riener reported Roofmasters will be repairing the City Hall roof in the first part of October. Deputy Clerk Paul Mews will be attending a court conference from September 30-October 2. The new office desk has arrived at city hall. The second police computer stopped working, so a rebuilt computer was ordered from Office Works. It has been installed and connected to the internet and new office copier.

City Attorney Charles Peckham presented his handout to Council. He sent out letters concerning bad checks, dealt with a number of alcohol related cases, including an additional DUI case. Charles issued bench warrants and discussed tickets and payments with defendants on various cases. He drafted a revision of the liquor ordinance. Charles communicates with the nuisance/zoning officer regularly concerning current cases. Easements have been completed for the sewer project, but an agreement needs to be drafted for the township concerning the addition of a manhole near Lake Road.

Police Chief Brian Withington did not attend the meeting. He was in St. Charles, Missouri for MOCIC Mid-states Organized Crime Convention. Brian serves on their review board for the state of Kansas.

City Superintendent Rick Kramer presented his report showing the areas where the city crew has spent their time since the last meeting. The city pool is being winterized and Logan/6th Street repair is in progress. The water report shows the amount of water pumped and sold for the month. The sensor on Well #9 will be replaced this week. The depth to the wells has remained consistent. Rick also presented his equipment report. There has been discussion about whether or not mowing the west side of Highway 25 is city or state responsibility. The state had been mowing it until recently. Councilmembers have heard complaints about the condition of that stretch of highway. Rick said the city crew just mowed it. The mayor plans to contact KDOT about future plans. Rick said they could spray it in the spring to kill it to reduce the overgrowth.

Council Reports:

Councilman Gary Fisher reported there is new office equipment at the Housing Authority. The Tree Board met, having their first quorum in a while. He asked council opinion on having a tree downtown with berries and thorns. Council voiced they would be against that tree choice based on the comments of downtown business owners and those that visit that area regularly. Another question was presented about a tree that receives runoff water from Farmers State Bank. Council members stated that if the tree dies because of the "dirty" runoff water, they would suggest filling the area with cement instead of replacing it with another tree. Two members of the tree board will be attending a tree/shrub workshop in WaKeeney, KS. The driver will turn in mileage to the city clerk for reimbursement.

Councilman Dietrich Kastens stated the fire department and zoning meetings are scheduled for next week, so he had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Mark Mosley attended the Library Board meeting on Monday evening. There is a new computer in their office.

The Theater Board met, with Kerry and Annette Dunker presenting an idea for a possible fundraising concert at the theater. The proceeds will benefit the high school consort group and the Jayhawk Theatre. Their projected date for this event will be in January 2016. The board discussed changing the movie schedule for the future since Sunday matinees are losing money. Theater manager, Ana Vargas suggested showing a classic movie one Sunday afternoon each month, possibly on the Sunday the Masons have their monthly chicken dinner. These would cost less to rent than a recent release and may target the Sunday afternoon crowd. Sunday matinees would be considered for movie genres that bring in more revenue for the theater. There will likely be a free Halloween movie, coordination with Chamber of Commerce will determine the time and date.

The Airport Board will meet next week.

Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan reported Economic Development approved a loan for Juan-D-Ful Mexican Food Truck to replace his food truck motor.

Councilman Mark Vrbas had nothing to report.

Mayors Notes:

Mayor Tim Colgan reported that he attended the Rawlins County Commissioner's Budget Hearing. There was a good turnout of citizens that voiced their opinions on the proposed county budget.

Emily Green from the Rawlins County Extension Office sent a letter for councilmembers inviting them to the First Impressions Town Hall Meeting that will be held on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 PM at the Fair Building.

Mayor Colgan had been to City Attorney, Charles Peckham's office to sign the easement documents, as council had previously given him authority.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Mosley. The **meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

Keri Riener, City Clerk

Tim Colgan, Mayor