

Atwood City Council  
April 21, 2016  
Regular Meeting  
City Hall, 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** April 21, 2016 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; City Clerk Keri Riener; City Attorney Charles Peckham; Chief of Police Brian Withington; City Superintendent Rick Kramer; Rosalie Ross of the Rawlins County Square Deal. Councilman Mark Vrbas was absent.

The **Agenda** was approved as circulated on motion of Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan, seconded by Councilman Gary Fisher, approved by all.

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on March 17, 2016 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Dietrich Kastens, seconded by Councilman Mark Mosley, approved by all.

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

**Public Comments:** none.

**Appearances:**

**Shane Carlson and Ryan Bolen with the Atwood Ambassadors** were present to request roping off the downtown streets for the annual Rod Run. Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Lake Road will be roped off from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 6 pm to after the fireworks. On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Plumb Street to just past the new Legends Bar on 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be roped off, as well as Main Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street by the library. The side streets of Vine on the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State on the east and west sides of 4<sup>th</sup> Street (bordering the back of the beer garden on the lot next to Schnee's, then across the street to the back fence of the new Legends Bar), West Court on the north side of Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from the north side of Main Street to the north side of State Street will be roped off, creating the downtown area for the event. The Ambassadors will contact dispatch and emergency services about the extended areas being roped off to ensure communication between all entities. Councilwoman Mulligan **moved to allow the Ambassadors to rope off the downtown areas as requested and shown on the map handout.** Councilman Mosley seconded, approved by all. A schedule of events was provided. The Courthouse lawn will have events for kids to enjoy. The Ambassadors requested a possible conversation in years to come regarding the number of beer gardens at the event. They want the rod run to be a family friendly experience. With multiple beer gardens and a new bar within a three block range, their responsibility increases and that family image may be questioned. They appreciate Council's support of this event, but would like to be part of that decision if possible in future years. Councilmembers expressed support and appreciation for the rod run and thanked the Ambassadors for the effort and time spent on this successful community event.

**Vicki Hubin** appeared before Council representing **Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center**. WKCAC has four child advocacy centers to assist children that have been sexually abused or have witnessed a violent crime. With three full-time therapists and the first nationally accredited mobile units, they cover 32 counties in western Kansas. WKCAC served 404 children last year, with 83% of those children being interviewed on a mobile unit. They also offer prevention education through classes or printed materials.

Vicki expressed gratitude for past donations and requests continuance of funding in the 2017 budget. Police Chief Brian Withington added that he has used this resource, as they are extensively trained in areas that enable him to better serve victims in cases he has covered.

**David Blau with Miller & Associates** was not at the meeting. He sent an email stating there are not any pay applications at this point. Midlands Construction has been working on pre-lining video inspection, cleaning and point repairs. BSB Construction has started submitting shop drawing submittals on materials.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

City Clerk, Keri Riener informed council that **sewer averages will be calculated** next week. Residential water usages for the dormant months of November through February are used to calculate sewer rates, which will be updated on May utility bills.

**Department Reports:**

**City Clerk Keri Riener** reported that 12 lifeguards have been hired for the 2016 swim season. A lifeguard meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at City Hall to discuss requirements and expectations. The Summer Recreation Board voted to sponsor the Thursday Free Summer Rec movies again this year. This sponsorship allows the theater to have free movies six weeks of the summer and kids only pay for their snacks. Keri plans to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's International Convention in Omaha, NE in May. She received a scholarship that will cover a portion of the cost. It will be an exciting opportunity to meet and network with clerks from very different areas and attend seminars at the same time!

**City Attorney Charles Peckham** presented his handout to Council. He filed several bad check cases, issued bench warrants and discussed tickets and payments with defendants. He has had conversations with Cahoj Earthmoving about removal of the Persinger building. Meetings continue with the airport board, engineering firm and FAA. Possible credit card payment options for court payments have been discussed with the City Clerk. Charles attended the attorney forum at KRWA Conference. He shared a handout about the Flint, Michigan water crisis, which included a timeline of events, task force findings and take away lessons.

**Police Chief Brian Withington** presented his report. His department worked 20 reports from March 17, 2016 to April 21, 2016. There were 8 arrests made, 18 warnings given and 6 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 175 public relations, 4 business checks and 61 miscellaneous complaints.

**City Superintendent Rick Kramer** presented his report showing the areas where the city crew has spent their time since the last meeting. The water report indicates the amount of water pumped and sold for the month. This report still shows a loss for the month of February, but the sewer project construction workers are pumping water out of the fire hydrants to flush areas, which will affect that data. The depth to the wells has remained consistent.

The sewer project is under way. Point repairs are being completed and 9,000 feet of sewer liner will be arriving around April 27<sup>th</sup> for installation. A refrigerated truck will be parked by the city shop and will run continuously to keep the liner cool. BSB is unloading their equipment as well. They will likely start working at Greason Industrial Park next week.

The pool painters have not arrived to repaint the pool. If they don't complete the job in a timely fashion, the pool may be filled for the season and painted after the pool closes for the summer. Rick reported the

deck chairs ordered for the swimming pool arrived in damaged condition. He refused the entire shipment and is waiting to hear back from the freight company to determine the next action needed. The United Industries, Inc. check approved earlier with monthly bills will be held until the company sends new deck chairs.

Marion Underground, the contractor hired by AT&T to bore fiber optic cable from their office to the courthouse, hit the water line leading to Joe and Rebecca Vyzourek's home, causing a leak. It has been repaired; photos were taken and sent to AT&T, who sent them on to Marion Underground. The water bill due to the leak will be sent to Marion Underground and Vyzourek's will be credited for the amount they paid that was not their usage. The hours the crew spent to help repair crews and supplies used will be billed as well.

#### **Council Reports:**

**Councilman Gary Fisher** did not have anything to report regarding the Housing Authority. The Tree Board has a meeting scheduled for next week and will hold activities on Arbor Day, planting trees with 5<sup>th</sup> graders and honoring another district poster winner, Brooklyn Cooksey.

**Councilman Dietrich Kastens** had nothing to report.

**Councilman Mark Mosley** stated the library received an anonymous \$500 donation around Christmas time. Full-time librarian, Pam Luedke, announced plans to retire in July of 2017. There was nothing to report from the Jayhawk Theater board. The Airport Board plans to get new software updates, at no cost to the airport. The board reduced the fuel price nearly \$1.00/gallon to be more competitive with the current market prices to encourage airport traffic, even though it was purchased at a higher price.

**Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan** reported an upcoming Economic Development meeting scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Simone Elder of Network Kansas will be available to discuss E-Loan Funds and E-Community Marketing Funds with the RCED Board and Community Development Agent. The Industrial Park and the E-Loan Program are currently the main responsibilities of the Economic Development Board with the community development portion being handled by the K-State Extension Agent, Emily Green.

**Councilman Mark Vrbas** was absent.

#### **Mayors Notes:**

Mayor Tim Colgan extended an invitation to Councilmembers to a group forum discussing the feasibility of a community recreational building, scheduled for Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fair Building Meeting Room from 5:15 – 7:00 pm. This is a preliminary meeting hosted by Emily Green, Extension Community Development Agent, to determine whether this project is possible for our community. Council members are encouraged to RSVP to attend this forum.

The St. Francis pool committee will tour the city swimming pool on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm. Their city has just approved construction of a new pool. The mayor and city superintendent will attend to answer questions and show the committee around our facility.

City Superintendent, Rick Kramer, was asked about installing a bike rack at the theater. After discussing the location of the bike rack, questions were asked by council members about the use of the theater stage. The Mayor reiterated what was discussed at last month's council meeting; that use of the facility stage will no longer be permitted. The theater can still be rented for movie viewing or gaming during private parties, but due to cost and time needed to repair or replace the screen if something is damaged, it was determined the best action would be to stop using the stage area. This will reduce the need to move the screen and traffic in the area near the screen and therefore the risk of damage will be diminished as well.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Mosley. The **meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**

Keri Riener, City Clerk

Tim Colgan, Mayor