

Minutes of the Atwood City Council Meeting on November 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by mayor, Tim Colgan. Present were Councilmembers Mark Vrbas, Mark Mosley, Gary Fisher, Dietrich Kastens, and Sandy Mulligan. Also present were Rick Kramer, city super-intendant, Charles Peckham, city attorney, Tyson from Miller & Associates and Emily Green representing Rawlins County Extension. Brian Withington, Police Chief, came in about 7:20. The agenda was reviewed and Gary Fisher moved and Mark Mosley seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, and upon a motion made by Dietrich Kastens, seconded by Sandy Mulligan was passed unanimously.

Charles Peckham read the bills. Bills were approved, on motion made by Mark Vrbas, seconded by Sandy Mulligan, and passed unanimously. The mayor asked about the bill to Weis Fire and Safety equipment and Rick Kramer indicated that he had not been aware that they were coming out last week. He indicated that the truck had failed to pass some tests and Weis had repaired it. This was probably a test to see if the repairs had been successful.

Emily Green on behalf of the Rawlins County Extension discussed the “welcome to Atwood” sign project. They are going to keep Mike Hayden at the top of the sign. They are trying to make it a community project and plan to ask for submission ideas from the general public. They are working with Commercial Sign of Colby, who suggested they try to keep the design simple. They are going to update the whole sign. They have called Mike Hayden and Patti has indicated approval.

Tyson of Miller & Associates presented Inv.#16-0874 for \$15,001.50 for Miller & Associates. Gary Fisher moved and Dietrich Kastens seconded to approve the bill and it passed unanimously. Pay application #6 for BSB Construction sewer was presented, in the amount of \$102,304.80. Tyson indicated that most of this had been for 6-inch concrete. Dietrich moved and Mark Vrbas seconded to approve BSB Pay App. #6 and it passed unanimously. Tyson discussed there is still \$435,515.14 left and that the major work to be completed was to be on the lift station. They are waiting on distributors to get the pumps, grinder and generator. They were having some delay on getting the pumps.

The mayor indicated there was no old business and no new business.

There was no city clerk report as the city clerk was absent. The city attorney presented that his report indicating an increase in bad check letters being sent out and that a hearing had been set on the appeal of the municipal court. The motion to suppress on an appeal is now set for January 3, 2017. The city attorney

also discussed improving city/county police cooperation with the incoming sheriff. They are still working on setting up a DUI victims panel to meet with DUI defendants.

Police chief, Brian Withington, indicated that he had worked on two domestic battery cases, a felony charge, 9 arrests, issued 13 tickets, had 321 public relations and 61 complaints. The new officer is in the 3rd week in academy and is doing well. The police vehicle that had been ordered 3-4 weeks ago will probably take 5-7 weeks to arrive. There have been some repairs on the newer Charger. The old Charger being used by officer Jeremiah Thomas would be retired as it has over 75,000 miles on it and just had the timing chain replaced. He also discussed the importance of maintenance for the vehicles.

Rick Kramer, city supervisor, indicated that they had done some concrete work on Bluff street and they had finished mowing for the last time. He explained the water report looked funky as Paul had found some additional water income after printing the report, so the 32% loss is not accurate. He indicated that the wells are working fine, that the levels were staying up and equipment maintenance record looked good. The city crew poured the concrete for the bicycle rack for the Jayhawk Theatre, but he wanted to wait at least 10 days before drilling it for the rack. They have also winterized the sprinkler systems and two more streets need work with some buckled concrete. Bluff street had been the worst, as it had kind of exploded there.

Council reports Councilman Fisher reported that the Housing Authority has done a lot of remodeling and was just completing the last apartment which should be occupied around Thanksgiving. He believed that with this last apartment being finished that all apartments would be rented. Dietrich Kastens indicated there was nothing on zoning and fire department. Mark Mosley indicated there was nothing from the library, the airport board meeting was next week and bike rack was being installed at the theatre. Charles Peckham indicated that last month had been just an average month for the Jayhawk but they had not encountered any major issues. The board was pleased the bike rack was finally being installed. Mark Vrbas indicated he had nothing to report. Sandy Mulligan indicated they received a grant for Greason Industrial Park and this was going to be a pass through for the city.

The mayor reported that the mock city council had gone well and that the class was well prepared with a good agenda. The city finances were doing well as there is 31% left with 2 months remaining. Thought the carry over to 2017 should be good.

The mayor discussed the body cameras that were going to be ordered. The chief indicated that they need to come up with a policy as to when to run them, otherwise there would be a lot of video used. Police chief also indicated that they would be getting dash cams as well which would be activated when they turn on the light bar. The body cam would also activate at that time or could be activated at the same time as the microphone.

The mayor and Rick Kramer indicated some paint on the pool had popped out again and the engineer had been advised. There is a two-year warranty left on the paint job.

There being no other business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.