

Atwood City Council  
March 16, 2017  
Regular Meeting  
City Hall, 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** March 16, 2017 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Honorable Mayor Tim Colgan at 7:05 PM. Others present were Councilmembers Gary Fisher, Dietrich Kastens, Mark Mosley, Sandy Mulligan and Mark Vrbas; Chief of Police Brian Withington; City Superintendent Rick Kramer; Rosalie Ross of the Rawlins County Square Deal. City Clerk Keri Riener and City Attorney Charles Peckham were absent.

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

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on February 22, 2017 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Mark Vrbas, seconded by Councilman Mark Mosley, approved by all.

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

**Public Comments:** none.

**Appearances:**

Atwood City Library Board Chairman, Carl Dalcher reported the plan to install the new door in April. He requested the City Crew's help to remove the concrete slope on the sidewalk entry, which would interfere with the door. City Superintendent Rick Kramer said the City Crew could do the job and still leave the entrance handicapped accessible. The Library Board has begun advertising for a new library director. Dalcher also informed Council of plans to host a retirement reception for Librarian Pam Luedke after 33 years of service. Mayor Tim Colgan expressed appreciation for her dedication to the library.

**David Blau with Miller & Associates** was not at the meeting. Miller & Associate's Invoice #17-0188 for the amount of \$14,078.45 was submitted for payment and covers professional services including construction observation services, performing system start-up and initiation of operation, processing pay requests and change order items for the months of January and February 2017 as outlined in the Engineering Service Agreement. Councilman Kastens moved to **pay the total due on Miller and Associate's Invoice #17-0188 in the amount of \$14,078.45**, Councilwoman Mulligan seconded, approved by all. The invoice will be reviewed by David Barber of USDA for approval before being paid.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

Mayor Colgan signed the proclamation designating May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Atwood. Motion authorizing the mayor to sign the **Arbor Day Proclamation** made by Councilman Kastens, seconded by Councilman Fisher, approved by all.

Mick Moore appeared on behalf of the Tourism Board to discuss **increasing the local bed tax to 3.75%**. Councilwoman Mulligan added that Atwood's bed tax was one of the lower ones in the region. Mayor

Tim Colgan will talk to City Attorney Charles Peckham about drafting a new charter ordinance to be considered at the next council meeting.

**Department Reports:**

**City Clerk Keri Riener** was absent, attending the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association Conference in Wichita.

**City Attorney Charles Peckham** was absent.

**Police Chief Brian Withington** presented his report. His department worked 14 reports from February 16, 2017 to March 16, 2017. There were 10 arrests made, 31 warnings given and 13 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 28 public relations, 14 business checks and 51 miscellaneous complaints. Two applications have been submitted for the open city officer position.

**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 shows the amount of water pumped and sold for the month. Water loss has decreased this month, which is good to see. Depth to the wells has remained consistent. The City Crew completed some curb repairs on Sherman Street. The City has purchased a new pickup to replace one that has been in service for seventeen years.

**Council Reports:**

**Councilman Gary Fisher** attended a Tree City USA recognition reception in Beloit. For the third year in a row, Rawlins County Elementary School had student with a winning tree poster. He also attended a tree workshop in Hays, where he won a scholarship for a five day arborist class in Manhattan, sponsored by the Kansas Arborist Association.

**Councilman Dietrich Kastens** informed Council that the Fire Department west door needs to be replaced.

**Councilman Mark Mosley** shared that the Airport continues to discuss leasing some of its property for commercial use.

**Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan** reported that the Economic Development Board plans to meet more frequently. Jared Holste is the new president of that board and they need other new board members. Emily Green is now working with the E-Loans and is a non-voting member of the board. Cahoj has started dirt work at Greason Industrial Park, which will be funded by a Dane G. Hansen grant.

**Councilman Mark Vrbas** had nothing to report.

**Mayors Notes:** The pool painting crew should arrive at the beginning of April. The pool is guaranteed to be open on schedule. The sewer project has been completed under budget. Remaining funds may be used for waste water infrastructure updates like a back-up pump at the lift station, mapping and new manhole covers. Miller & Associates Engineers are waiting to hear from David Barber of USDA-RD for approval of those expenditures.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Mosley. The **meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.**

Tim Colgan, Mayor