

Atwood City Council
August 17, 2017
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** August 17, 2017 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; 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. Sandy Mulligan and Mark Vrbas were absent.

The **Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget** was held. John Mapes with Mapes & Miller was present to answer any questions. The hearing was opened at 7:00 PM with no additional public in attendance. There were no comments made. The hearing closed at 7:05 PM. Councilman Gary Fisher moved to **close the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget**, Councilman Mark Mosley seconded, approved by all. Councilman Mark Mosley then moved to **adopt the 2018 Budget** as published, seconded by Councilman Dietrich Kastens, approved by all.

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

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on July 20, 2017 and the Special meeting on August 1, 2017 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Kastens seconded by Councilman Mosley, approved by all.

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

Public Comments: None at this time.

Appearances:

Linda Vap and Matt Wolters did not appear at the meeting. Council discussed Smokin' on the Beaver and would like to hear from the committee about the plans in place to control alcohol consumption at this year's event. Some regulation of beverage control and perhaps reduced golf cart use is preferred. Council doesn't want to police the event, but if activities that were prevalent last year continue, that may be necessary. Councilman Kastens will visit with Matt Wolters about council expectations and public safety concerns and remind them of the date and time of the September Council meeting.

Old Business:

There was nothing new to report about the **Recycling Center**.

City Attorney, Charles Peckham reviewed **Ordinance #875 regarding ATV and UTV use in city limits**. Police Chief Brian Withington approves of the ordinance as written and the registration process. Councilman Fisher inquired about motorized wheelchairs and Chief Withington explained motorized wheelchairs are classified as pedestrians, as that is their mode of movement. They are not classified as slow moving vehicles. Councilman Kastens moved to **approve Ordinance #875, authorizing the operation of work-site utility vehicles, micro utility trucks, all-terrain vehicles and golf carts on the streets within the corporate limits of the city of Atwood, with corresponding requirements and penalties**. Councilman

Mosley seconded, approved by all. A summary of Ordinance #875 will be published in next week's edition of the Rawlins County Square Deal with the full ordinance being posted online at atwoodkansas.com.

New Business:

The **GAAP Waiver Resolution 17-05** regarding the 2016 audit was approved on motion of Councilman Kastens, second by Councilman Mosley, approved by all.

Larry and Brigida Aldrich appeared after the public comment agenda item. Mayor Tim Colgan allowed three minutes for public comment at this time. Another weed ticket has been issued for a rental property they own. This is the first weed ticket on this property and the tenant has been in the hospital for an extended period, leading to reduced upkeep of the yard. Mayor Tim Colgan will speak to Code Enforcement officer Jan Ackerman regarding the details of this situation and follow up with Larry.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Keri Riener is considering purchasing additional software to allow automatic deposit of payroll. The cost is about \$700, but will be useful in the future as more employees may request this service. The employee handbook is nearing completion, going through final revisions at this time. A regional clerk's meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 25th. A letter has been drafted for presentation at Monday's County Commissioner meeting regarding the leftover balance of funds collected from the pool sales tax. This money may only be used for pool repairs, maintenance or improvements. A special fund line item will be designated for the funds to allow clear tracking of expenditures.

City Attorney Charles Peckham has mailed letters to area merchants regarding the updated bad check policy. He worked on the ATV ordinance, prepared journal entries and discussed tickets and payments with defendants and police officers. Charles also prepared documents and worked on completing the Hansen Grant for the Greason Industrial Park. He plans to obtain court documents in Spanish to allow clear communication of court actions and responsibilities including payments in instances involving a language barrier.

Police Chief Brian Withington presented his report. His department worked 16 reports from July 27, 2017 to August 17, 2017. There were 11 arrests made, 31 warnings given and 17 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 128 public relations, 26 business checks and 61 miscellaneous complaints. Chief Withington added that there have been an increased number of citations regarding no proof of insurance. Officers can't access the state system to check validity of insurance. The ticket will be written for the primary reason for stop, as required, but if insurance is not present at the time of the stop, it must be included as well. Proof of valid insurance may then be presented at City Hall or the Police Department for dismissal from the ticket.

City Superintendent Rick Kramer presented his report showing the areas where the city crew has spent their time since the last meeting. The city crew has been painting lines on streets downtown and making small scale street repairs. They will drain the pool Monday, August 21st and painters should arrive on the 29th to start repainting the pool. The sewer crew will arrive soon as well to complete additional sewer lining that was approved to be added to the sewer project. The water report shows the amount of water pumped and sold for the month. The month of July showed elevated water loss, but some of that is due to water being used by Cahoj Earthmoving, Inc. at Greason Industrial Park. The water use is being metered, but won't be billed until project completion. Depth to the water in city wells has remained consistent.

Council Reports:

Councilman Gary Fisher had nothing to report for the Housing Authority. Gary has received a scholarship to attend the Arborist Class in October.

Councilman Dietrich Kastens had nothing to report as the fire department meets next week and the pool closes this weekend.

Councilman Mark Mosley had nothing to report as the airport board meets next week and he was unable to attend the library meeting.

Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan was absent.

Councilman Mark Vrbas was absent.

Mayors Notes: Mayor Tim Colgan had nothing to report.

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