

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

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** on Nov 16, 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, Sandy Mulligan; City Attorney Charles Peckham; Chief of Police Brian Withington; City Superintendent Rick Kramer; Rosalie Ross of the Rawlins County Square Deal; Mark Vrbas arrived at 7:20 pm. City Clerk Keri Riener and Councilman Mark Mosley were absent.

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

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on October 19, 2017 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Gary Fisher and seconded by Councilman Kastens, approved by all.

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

Public Comments: Rosalie Ross presented concerns of older people regarding the condition of the street near Currier Drug Store.

Appearances:

Radonda Dunker and Heath Dunker expressed dissatisfaction of the substandard condition of certain areas of Logan Street by Heath's house. They presented pictures of the streets. The city council discussed recent major projects with water and sewer and the current limitations of the city budget on repairing streets.

Old Business:

Mapes and Miller Invoice #16450 for the Federal Compliance Audit totaling \$22,135.00 was reviewed. Upon motion made by Councilman Kastens and seconded by Councilman Mark Vrbas, **payment of Invoice #16450 was approved.** Key Equipment Invoice #251422 in the amount of \$9790.00 for the push camera was reviewed. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Mulligan and seconded by Councilman Fisher, **payment of Invoice #251422 was approved.** The invoices will be reviewed by David Barber of USDA for approval before being paid.

New Business:

City Attorney Charles Peckham reviewed the need for Council to make a decision regarding lots at Greason Industrial Park. Councilman Kastens moved and Councilman Vrbas seconded authorizing the mayor to **execute the warranty deed conveying the real estate from Lots 1-4 in Block 6 of the Greason Industrial Park, 2nd Addition to Two Homes, LLC as requested by Economic Development.** Motion was approved by Councilmembers Fisher, Kastens, and Vrbas, with Councilwoman Mulligan abstaining due to a conflict of interest serving on both City Council and Economic Development Board. Abstained vote goes with majority, motion passed 4-0. Council discussed issues with dirt work still needing to be completed.

After reviewing October financial statements, it was noted that there is plenty of cash in the funds, but possibly not enough budget to allow for possible expenditures. The **budget amendment needed to**

finish out 2017 is in the Airport Fuel Fund. Councilman Vrbas moved and Councilwoman Mulligan seconded **to publish the amendment to the Airport Fuel Fund budget of \$3000.00** to pay for late arriving fuel bill from the County, approved by all. This will in no way affect tax payers. A **public hearing on amending the budget will be held December 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.**

Department Reports:

City Clerk absent. No report.

City Attorney Charles Peckham reported he had prepared a number of journal entries and met with a number of defendant regarding tickets and payments and met with policeman over several issues. Several cases set for trial. He drafted a petition to quiet title on the Persinger lots being sold to Creative Movements and dealt with several issues on zoning. The Greason Industrial Park deed for Block 6 contained an easement for public use for utilities and access to utilities.

Police Chief Brian Withington presented his report. His department worked 8 reports from October 20, 2017 to November 16, 2017. There were 5 arrests were made, 15 warnings given and 7 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 401 public relations and 35 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 shows the amount of water pumped and sold for the month. The month of October showed high water usage. The depth to the water in city wells has remained consistent. He reported that the Christmas lights were ready and the city crew had assembled 28 good wreaths. The need for replacements was discussed, as well as issues with the Christmas tree in the intersection of 4th and Main. Four wreaths were rewired with LED lights which last longer but the cost was \$200. True Value sold the lights at cost. Sandy Mulligan discussed Chamber financial issues dealing with replacement of the Christmas decorations.

Council Reports:

Councilman Gary Fisher stated that the Housing Authority did not have an official meeting due to lack of a quorum. He is now an official arborist as he passed his final exams. He will be watering trees.

Councilman Dietrich Kastens reported the Fire Department has not met this month and there is nothing exciting to report on zoning.

Councilman Mark Mosley was absent.

Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan had already included her report in earlier items.

Councilman Mark Vrbas stated he had just been through Greensburg and was impressed by what they have accomplished in their city.

Mayors Notes: Mayor stated the 7th Grade Mock City Council went very well and the kids seemed to enjoy it. He hopes they will do it again next year.

There being no other business to come before Council, Councilman Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded Councilman Kastens. **The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.**

Charles Peckham, City Attorney

Tim Colgan, Mayor