

Atwood City Council
August 15, 2019
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** August 15, 2019 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, Mark Vrbas; 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.

The **Public Hearing on the 2020 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 7:03 PM. Councilman Dietrich Kastens moved to **close the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget**, Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan seconded, approved by all. Councilman Mark Vrbas then moved to **adopt the 2020 Budget** as published, seconded by Councilman Mark Mosley, approved by all.

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

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on July 23, 2019 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Mosley, seconded by Councilman Vrbas, approved by all.

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

Public Comments: Amy Mosley appeared to request council opinion on a booster club idea to paint buffalo hoof prints on State Street from the high school to Highway 25. Most visiting teams arrive for games via State Street and it would be a nice demonstration of school pride. Councilmembers agreed that it sounded like a fun way to show school spirit and shouldn't be detrimental to the street condition. They expressed support if the booster club decides to move forward with the project.

Appearances:

Brooklyn Barker and Linda Vap requested a temporary CMB permit for "Smokin' on the Beaver" in the parking lot of the Columbian Club. The parking lot is within the city limits. This is the 16th year of the event and wristbands will be provided as in the past for those of legal drinking age. There will be security personnel for the event. Councilman Kastens moved to **approve the temporary CMB permit to Brooklyn Barker for Smokin' on the Beaver from 2:00 pm until midnight on September 28, 2019**, seconded by Councilman Mosley, approved by all. A CMB permit form has been completed. There will be a \$25 fee for the permit. A waiver of the golf cart/ATV/UTV registration was requested for the fleet of six vehicles used by the SOTB Committee since they will only be used for two days in the immediate area surrounding the event. Insurance will be current for the golf carts/ATVs in use by the committee. Councilman Kastens moved to **grant a waiver of the golf cart/ATV/UTV registration fee for the six vehicles used for Smokin' on the Beaver from 9/28-9/29**, Councilman Vrbas seconded, approved by all. Temporary permits will be issued by the end of next week.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

The **GAAP Waiver Resolution 19-04** regarding the 2018 audit was approved on motion of Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilman Vrbas, approved by all.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Keri Riener discussed activities at City Hall this month. The City Hall open house will be held from 4-6 pm on Monday, August 26th. Tours of the newly renovated building will be given and refreshments will be available in the council meeting room. The public is invited to attend and will be able to walk through the old City Hall building as well. The mayor and city clerk plan to attend the KS Department of Transportation consult meeting in Hays on August 29th. KDOT officials

will be sharing information about current projects, examining long-term and emerging trends and what infrastructure investments may be made to help cultivate prosperous Kansas communities.

City Attorney Charles Peckham researched open record request stipulations, negotiated with attorneys on various cases and worked on the airport lease. The attorneys for the Ratcliff family have filed a motion to have the city attorney taken off the case due to a conflict of interest. Charles will contact an attorney from St. Francis about taking the case in an effort to reduce the timeline on completion of this case.

Police Chief Brian Withington presented his report. His department worked 6 reports from July 23, 2019 to August 15, 2019. No arrests were made, 17 warnings given and 10 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 196 public relations, and 37 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 drainage ditches were being cleaned earlier in the month and more recently post-storm cleanup was the main use of time. All generators ran during the power outage and equipment operated well. The annual KDHE water inspection went well this week. The water report shows the amount of water pumped and sold for the month. The month of July showed a reduction in the amount of water lost. The depth to the water in city wells has remained consistent. Rick asked council for their opinion regarding the sewer pump that was sent in to be rebuilt following the power failure due to an April thunderstorm. The cost of rebuilding the pump is \$4,600, while a new pump is \$7,900, with the timeline of either option being approximately four weeks. Councilman Kastens stated that the warranty isn't as useful since the pump is being used as a backup and will sit on a shelf until needed. Councilman Vrbas moved to **approve rebuilding the "old" pump**, Councilwoman Mulligan seconded, approved by all.

Council Reports:

Councilman Gary Fisher had nothing to report except that he is available if people have tree care, pruning, disease or removal questions.

Councilman Dietrich Kastens has not received any calls from disgruntled citizens with regard to zoning this year. He thanked both the City Superintendent and Mayor for their timely response during the recent thunderstorm. The decision to offer the city lot by Highway 25 for broken limbs gave citizens an option until the landfill was available. Township Superintendent Chris Niermeier also allowed broken limbs to be dropped at the lake stack until the landfill was accessible.

Councilman Mark Mosley had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan had nothing to report.

Councilman Mark Vrbas had nothing to report.

Mayors Notes:

Mayor Tim Colgan attended the Northwest Kansas Mayor Association meeting in Colby a few weeks ago. Street infrastructure was a big topic of discussion. Oakley Mayor, Tim Whyte has heard great things about Atwood and will likely visit for a tour of the city. City Police Officer Payton Beims led the Summer Recreation Bicycle Safety Class last week. Kids met at the courthouse for safety and riding tips and then rode their bikes as a group to city hall for a tour and popsicles with the mayor. Payton was a superb instructor and interacted very well with the kids. This may become a regular event based on the feedback from attendants. The mayor contacted Midwest Energy following the recent storm and power outage. It is important to have continued communication as various entities work together in any storm or emergency event so information can be shared as needed with the public. The mayor commended the city police and city crew for their fast response through the night after the storm. The city lot by the highway was offered as a drop off location for tree limbs until the landfill was operating, as the landfill had metal and trash to clean up before they opened to the public.

Councilman Vrbas moved to **go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to not exceed 15 minutes**, seconded by Councilman Mosley seconded, approved by all. City Attorney Peckham, City Police Chief Brian Withington and City Clerk Keri Riener were asked to remain. Executive session began at 7:40 pm. **The regular meeting resumed at 7:55 pm with no action taken.**

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Vrbas moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan, approved by all. The **meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

Keri Riener, City Clerk

Tim Colgan, Mayor