

Atwood City Council
February 15, 2022
Special Meeting 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in special session February 15, 2022, in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Janet Stice at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Janet Stice; Councilmembers Dakota Dunker, Dietrich Kastens, Sandy Mulligan, & Mark Mosley; City Clerk Dana Philpott; City Attorney Charles Peckham, City Superintendent Rick Kramer. Councilman Mark Vrbas was absent.

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

The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the Base Grant. Dana was contacted by Justine Benoit with the Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission on the timeliness of grant that we might be eligible for a water project.

City Clerk Dana Philpott presented information on the Base Grant. Justine Benoit was planning to come out and talk to the council about a CDBG Block grant for the water project at the regular council meeting. In the meantime, this grant became available on January 31st and she contacted as she felt it would be an excellent grant for our project. With this grant we can apply for the full amount to finish out replacing mains for the rest of the town and put in mains in the Greason Industrial Park. This is a grant that needs to be tied to economic development. With the project plans to add the new mains into Greason Industrial Park that would definitely tie it in. We would need to get letters of support from business owners and economic development.

City Superintendent Rick Kramer provided maps to the council of the proposed project for a total of \$2,065,000.00. Just using the ARPA funds we were only going to be able to do the priority one area. Applying for this grant will allow us to finish putting new mains in the rest of the town and add new mains in the Greason Industrial Park. Councilman Dunker asked if any of the priority areas have issues now. Kramer said they have had issues with areas 1 & 2 and have issues with 3 & 4 in the past. Priority 2 has a break every year. These are 4" mains that will be replaced with 6" mains for added fire protection.

Councilman Mosley asked if the ARPA funds would be enough of a match. City Clerk Dana Philpott said that they would not be enough, and we would need to also take out money from the water savings account to come up with the 25%. The ARPA funds are \$185,725.00 and the rest would come from the saving account.

Following discussion, the council agreed that they would like to move forward with the Base Grant for the water project. Justine Benoit from Northwest Kansas Planning Development & Commission and David Blau will be here at the regular meeting on Thursday to give more details about the grant and the project.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Mosley moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan. The **meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.**

Dana Philpott, City Clerk

Janet Stice, Mayor