

Atwood City Council
March 23, 2020
Special Meeting
City Hall, 6:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **special session** March 23, 2020 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Janet Stice at 6:00 PM. Others present were Councilmembers Gary Fisher, Dietrich Kastens, Mark Mosley, Sandy Mulligan; City Clerk Keri Riener; City Attorney Charles Peckham; Councilman Mark Vrbas, City Police Chief Brian Withington, City Superintendent Rick Kramer and Rosalie Ross of the Rawlins County Square Deal were absent.

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

City Attorney Charles Peckham discussed the need for additional authority to be given to the Local Health Officer as additional directives may be issued during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the interest of community health, Ordinance #890 makes violating a written order of the Rawlins County Health Officer, Board of Health or Director of Health unlawful. Councilman Dietrich Kastens suggested that issued orders be written with explicit terminology whether they are recommendations or directives, so the expectations are clear for citizens. There has been one health order to date, limiting local social gatherings to less than ten people and closing public gathering locations or special events until April 15, 2020. Councilman Mosley moved to **approve Ordinance #890, amending portions of the current code of the City prohibiting the violation of an order of the Rawlins County Health Officer and repealing any conflicting ordinances or resolutions**. Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan seconded, approved by all. The violation of this ordinance shall be a Class C Misdemeanor.

The City Attorney suggested alternative meeting options that would allow remote participation. Councilman Kastens requested aligning with the county choice, as it would streamline processes if joint meetings become a necessity. The county commissioners are planning to use GoToMeeting, which is an online meeting, desktop sharing and video conferencing software package that enables the user to meet with others via the Internet in real time. City councilmembers **agreed GoToMeeting** sounded like a good option to use for the next meeting.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan, approved by all. The **meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM**.

Keri Riener, City Clerk

Janet Stice, Mayor