

Atwood City Council
April 16, 2020
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in **regular session** April 16, 2020 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Janet Stice at 7:00 PM. Others present were Councilmembers Gary Fisher, Dietrich Kastens, Mark Mosley, Sandy Mulligan; City Clerk Keri Riener; City Attorney Charles Peckham; Rosalie Ross of the Rawlins County Square Deal. Councilman Mark Vrbas was absent. City Police Chief Brian Withington and City Superintendent Rick Kramer were excused from the meeting due to Covid-19 precautions.

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

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on March 19, 2020 and the special meeting on March 23, 2020 were approved as circulated on motion of Councilman Gary Fisher, seconded by Councilman Kastens approved by all.

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

Public Comments: None.

Appearances: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Keri Riener reported that City Hall business is continuing as usual, except that the doors are locked to the public. Dog tags, ATV/Golf cart registrations are being issued as citizens provide the necessary information and fees through email or the dropbox. The fence on the west side of City Hall is in need of replacement. Keri will ask the City Superintendent to provide pricing options to council at the next meeting.

City Attorney Charles Peckham has conducted routine monthly court documentation, negotiated with attorneys regarding municipal court cases and will speak with Judge Ress about cases on next week's court docket. The theater board did not meet this month. City Attorney Assistant Isaac LeBlanc has passed the Kansas Bar exam and will be sworn in by the Kansas Supreme Court via video conference on April 24th.

Police Chief Brian Withington was absent, but provided his report of police department activity last month. His department worked 7 reports from March 19, 2020 to April 16, 2020. No arrests were made, 11 warnings given and 6 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 19 public relations, 28 miscellaneous complaints and 43 business checks.

City Superintendent Rick Kramer was absent, but provided 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 March showed a 31% water loss. The depth to the water in city wells has remained consistent.

Council Reports:

Councilman Gary Fisher had nothing to report.

Councilman Dietrich Kastens stated the Fire Department meeting is next week. Building permits are still being submitted for approval, which is promising in the current circumstances.

Councilman Mark Mosley shared the Airport Board meeting is next week. He had nothing else to report.

Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan had nothing to report.

Councilman Mark Vrbas was absent.

Mayors Notes:

Mayor Stice said the state of Kansas has advised to prepare for a 20-30% reduction in tax revenue due to the economic situation caused by Covid-19. Councilman Kastens asked City Attorney Charles Peckham to look into how much of the online purchase sales tax revenue money actually gets back to the local municipal level. Council assignments and department head appointments will be made at the regular meeting in May. Councilmembers can notify the mayor if they would like to serve in different capacities than previously assigned.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Fisher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan, approved by all. The **meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.**

Keri Riener, City Clerk

Janet Stice, Mayor