

June 18, 2020
Atwood City Council
Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Atwood City Council met in regular session June 18, 2020 in Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Janet Stice; Councilmembers Gary Fisher, Dietrich Kastens, Mark Mosley, Sandy Mulligan, Mark Vrbas; City Clerk Dana Philpott; City Attorney Charles Peckham; City Superintendent Rick Kramer; and Police Chief Brian Withington.

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

The **Minutes** of the regular meeting on May 21, 2020 as amended added F. executive session and G. appointments to and 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 Fisher, approved by all.

Public Comments: Councilman Kastens received an email from Sophie Ginther requesting short street closure of 4th street from vine to state from 6:00pm-6:30pm on Saturday, June 20th for the promenade. Motion made by Councilwoman Mulligan and seconded by councilman Mosley to approve closing of streets for promenade on Saturday June 20th from 6:00 pm to 6:30pm approved by all

Appearances:

Keri Riener- previous city clerk met with council regarding a payout package. In addition to 36 days of vacation, she requested 3 months severance pay, sick leave pay, prorated Christmas bonus and council giving a letter of recommendation for her and not contesting her unemployment claim. Councilman Kastens made a motion to pay accrued vacation up to 36 days as stated in the handbook and 2 weeks severance pay at regular hourly wage, Christmas bonus prorated and to not contest the unemployment claim. Seconded by Mark Mosley and approved by all.

Tom Trail -with Jamboree Foods appeared before council to request a credit on water bill for the past water leak. The last 3 months the bill jumped \$300. Council will review last 12 months usage and will put on as agenda item for next month to discuss issuing a credit at that time.

Nick Bearley – appeared to council to request closure of lake road on July 4th for the Show & Shine Car Show from the west Country Club entrance to the east side of the ball diamond entrance from 8:00am to half hour after fireworks. Motion was made by Councilman Kastens to close lake road from west Country Club entrance to east side of ball diamond entrance for the Show & Shine Car Show seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan approved by all.

Larry Aldrich- brought concerns to the council about nuisance ordinance of junked vehicles. He asked council to review the ordinance.

Charles Peckham - requested to have lake road closed from Creighton drive to the golf course entrance for the bicycle races on July 4th for the safety of the bicyclists from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and to lake road from 9:30pm to 11:00pm for the fireworks display. Motion made by councilman Kastens and seconded by councilman Mosley to close the lake road for times requested.

New Business:

Mayor Stice had requests from older citizens to install the old payment drop box next to street. Some of them were having difficulty using drop box on west side of the building they were not able to reach the payment box without getting out of their vehicles. Motion was made by councilwoman Mulligan to put old payment drop box back where it was and seconded by Councilman Vrbas, approved by all.

Next item on agenda, Mayor Stice asked council if we want to send unapproved or approved minutes to the Colby Free Press. Councilman Kastens made motion to send unapproved minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Mulligan. Approved by all.

Choosing a President of Council – Councilwoman Mulligan made a motion to nominate Councilman Vrbas as President of Council through January 2021 when new appointments are made. Seconded by councilman Fisher approved by all.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Dana Philpott reported that her and deputy clerk Ana Vargas had been doing online trainings this week with G Works. Had requested an onsite training but G Works is backed up on trainings due to the Covid shut down. They should be out sometime in July and we will have a more in-depth training at that time.

City Attorney Charles Peckham – was present at exit interview of former clerk, negotiated with attorney's and defendants, prepared journal entries, sent out letters and 30-day notices, responded to FBI requests on old City of Atwood arrests, working on revision of airport lease. Theater will reopen June 20th with reduced seating and will encourage social distancing. We will be showing older movies – regular movies will not start until July.

Police Chief Brian Withington His department worked 8 reports from May 21 2021 to June 18, 2020. No arrests were made, 17 warnings given and 9 tickets issued. Other patrol activity included 125 public relations, 61 miscellaneous complaints and 23 business checks.

City Superintendent Rick Kramer, presented his report of where their time was spent. Water is back on track as far as amount pumped and sold. Received a bid on replacing fence on west side of city hall from Finley's for \$5700. Contractors looked at concrete work and he should have bids for the next meeting.

Council Reports:

Councilman Gary Fisher nothing to report.

Councilman Dietrich Kastens nothing to report

Councilman Mark Mosley reported airport runway sealing project finished, gave permission to ambassadors to hold fall drag races on October 3, 2020.

Councilwoman Sandy Mulligan reported RCED board approved 1 E-Loan for JoEllyn Argabright for buying of Walker's Garden Center she also is receiving a micro loan. Approved different type of loan through Network Kansas for High Plains for Chris Sramek. Emergency Management will meet next week.

Councilman Mark Vrbas nothing to report

Mayors Notes:

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Mosley moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fisher, approved by all. The **meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

Dana Philpott, City Clerk

Janet Stice, Mayor