

Atchison Commissioners Approve Scrapping Modifications

(KAIR) -- After getting a few questions answered about the changes for scrapping inside the city limits, the Atchison City Commissioners unanimously pass several modifications to the ordinance.

The ordinance will take effect January 1st and include requirements in getting licensed annually to scrap.

The rates will be 75 dollars for the first year with a 25 dollar annual renewal fee.

Also, if the primary scrapper has apprentices helping them, a five dollar fee will be assessed for each apprentice.

Violations of the ordinance or those doing business with unlicensed scrappers will be subject to a class "c" misdemeanor for the first offense and class "b" misdemeanor for subsequent ones.

Commissioner Rita Hartman asked several questions forwarded from concerned scrappers before voting.

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The ordinance also includes no night-time scrapping and no scrap storing on city streets overnight without written request to the code enforcement officer.

Commissioners also gave a consensus to move forward with the most expensive, but most energy efficient option to remodel the roof, H-VAC and windows of the Heritage Conference Center.

Estimated annual energy savings for the center with the new decision will be nearly nine thousand dollars.

Commissioner Jack Bower says if Commissioner are renovating that much of the center, they should do more.

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City Manager Trey Cocking says more renovation options can be discussed moving forward but designers needed an initial renovation decision as it take at least three months to design the project.

Commissioners also unanimously approved 2014 KLINK road resurfacing for K-7 Highway and after hearing no public comment adopted a nearly five million dollar loan with 30 percent principal forgiveness for water system improvements four to one with Commissioner Larry Purcell voting nay.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce also gave a Business of Excellence award to MGP and Merit awards to Atchison Community Health Clinic and Lopez de Mexico.

The city also recognized several employees for milestone service awards: Police Chief Mike Wilson and Lori Moore for 35 years, Kathy Soph for 25 years, Edna Reder for 20 and firefighter Scott Smith for 15 years.

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