

New Atchison Mayor chosen for new year
(KAIR)--A new Mayor for the City of Atchison.

That decision was made Monday when the Atchison City Commission organized for the new year.

At the start of Monday's meeting of the City Commission, current Mayor Allen Reavis turned the organizational session of the meeting over to City Attorney Robert Campbell.

Campbell called for mayoral nominations, and Reavis nominated Commissioner Shawn Rizza to fill that position.

Commissioner Charlie Perdue nominated Commissioner Dave Hausmann.

When the vote was called by Campbell, four votes were counted in favor of Rizza, earning him the role of leadership. Reavis then turned the gavel over to the new Mayor. "I want to thank my fellow Commissioners for the trust that you've placed in me," Rizza said after being seated as Mayor. "I'm sure I'm going to be leaning on your experience, and your wisdom, from here on out. I'm sure there will be a couple of hiccups along the way that you guys will get me through it. We've got a lot of exciting stuff in front of us this year and I can't wait to get to work, so let's get started. First thing we need to do is elect a Vice-Mayor."

Commissioner David Butler nominated Reavis as Vice-Mayor, while Perdue nominated Hausmann for that role.

Reavis was named to that position on a 4 to 1 vote.

The titles of Mayor and Vice-Mayor are ceremonial, with those terms used in place of Chair and Vice-Chair when referring to the two leadership positions on the Commission.

The Mayor, or Chair, leads City Commission meetings, while the Vice-Mayor, or Vice-Chair, provides oversight in the absence of the lead position.