

Atchison Mayor resigning in June

**(KAIR)--An Atchison City Commissioner, who currently serves as the City's Mayor, is resigning.**

**That's confirmed in a statement released Friday to MSC News by Shawn Rizza.**

**The statement begins with Rizza's resignation announcement, saying that "coronavirus has changed the world, and with it my wife's job." Rizza's wife, Pamela Rizza, is a physician.**

**Rizza, in the statement, said he plans to continue serving as Mayor as Atchison reopens from the COVID-19 pandemic, saying he feels "it is essential to have consistency during this time."**

**Saying that he will formally resign at the final June City Commission meeting, Rizza said he has "complete faith" in his fellow Commissioner's "ability to carry on."**

**The Rizzas plan to move from Atchison, with the current Mayor saying "just a couple of weeks ago" he couldn't "have imagined leaving," adding that while it "breaks [his] heart to go," Rizza said he is proud of what has been accomplished.**

**Adding that he "can't help but feel like" he let down his friends and supporters, Rizza said that while small towns across Kansas are shrinking, he believes "Atchison has a real chance to beat that trend."**

**Rizza was elected to a four-year term on the City Commission in 2017.**

**Following his resignation, the Commission will appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of Rizza's unexpired term.**

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