

Parking changes among Monday's Atchison City Commission business

(KAIR)--When the Atchison City Commission meets Monday, a number of issues will be addressed, along with two presentations, with the first to be made by Live Well Live Atchison Executive Director Jeff Schuele, regarding the recent release of the national 2021 County Health Rankings, which includes Atchison County.

The meeting's second presentation will focus on the Atchison County Art Association's Historic Sculpture Plaza Proposal for the 400 block of Commercial Street, with Executive Director Deborah Geiger to outline the specifics for the Commission.

New business to come before the Commission includes the rezoning of 822 and 824 Commercial Street, as well as proposed, unrelated changes to parking at 9th and Commercial Street, as well as a series of new parking regulations in that area.

Parking changes include the City's plan to stripe angle parking spaces on the north side of Commercial Street, between 9th and 10th Streets, with Commission Meeting documents saying that "will result in somewhere between 10 and 12 new parking spaces," with completion of the proposed project meaning "150 public parking spaces within one block of 9th and Commercial," as compared to what the City says are the current 35 unregulated angle parking spaces in the 100 block of both South 9th Street and the 100 block of North 9th Street.

A meeting document notes that "neighboring property owners have concerns about parking availability," which the City says was addressed during an April 2 "neighborhood meeting" held "to hear those concerns and work through potential solutions with the developer."

That developer is Kansas City-based Old Town Development, which is "looking to construct 41 apartment units in the 40,000 square foot building located at 832 Commercial," with the near \$8 million project calling for "about 20 nearby parking spaces that could be permitted for residential use." About 12 spaces are planned to be constructed on the private property for exclusive use by future apartment residents.

The Commission Monday will also be asked, as part of the Communications presentation by City Manager Becky Berger, to approve up to \$75,000 for litigation expenses related to the counterclaim filed by Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie to the lawsuit filed against him by the City in Atchison County District Court in December seeking the Court to order him to accept all City of Atchison Police arrests into the Atchison County Jail.

Monday's meeting of the Atchison City Commission will begin at 4:30 at Atchison City Hall.

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