

Atchison City Manager search progresses

**(KAIR)--The search for Atchison's next City Manager is underway, with the new top-spot of City leadership likely to be in place sometime early in the new year.**

**According to Interim City Manager Justin Pregont, the City has received 25 applications for the position, with the City Commission "currently working on evaluating those candidates."**

**A first review of applications for those seeking to fill the role had been set for December 8, with the extended executive session at Monday's Special Meeting of the Commission focused on the topic. According to Pregont, it's likely the City will "have another executive session at next Monday's meeting to continue" the evaluation, adding that he thinks it's safe to say that the City is "hoping to conduct interviews by the end of January," with the City likely to "opt for the "interview conference" format that the City has used for department head and executive level positions over the last 10-years or so."**

**The City Manager's position became vacant following the resignation of Becky Berger in August for reasons not made public. She served in the role from 2018 until her resignation.**

**A week following her resignation, Assistant City Manager Pregont was installed, by a decision of the Atchison City Commission, to serve as Interim City Manager until the time the position is filled permanently. Pregont has stated publicly that he does "not wish to be considered a candidate for the permanent City Manager position."**

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