

CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on December 18, 2017, with Mayor Matt C. Childers presiding. Council present were Jason Lowery, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Paul Belt, Mike Rawlings, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Justin Londagin. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Belinda Larsen, John Black, Connie Thurman, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Anthony Craft, Dave Warner, David Bates, Eric Birk, Nancy Turnage, Fred Turnage, Travis Combes, Lisa Daniels, Kriste Goodmanson, Karen Berry, Kelly Modlin, Richard Atchison, Rod Davis, Maggie Davis, Michele Spainhauer, Priscilla Templin, Jamie Barton and Nichole Holt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Cale Magruder gave the invocation.

Minutes: Crum made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2017 City Council meeting and the December 11, 2017 Work Session. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 12: Crum made a motion to approve Ordinance #12 dated 12/13/2017. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Nancy Turnage was presented with a plaque recognizing her retirement December 8, 2017 after nearly eighteen years of service to the City of Augusta.

City employees received service award recognition; David Warner for 25 years of service, Richard Atchison, Anthony Craft and Shirley Kirkpatrick for 10 years of service.

Councilman Belt exited the meeting.

Business:

Conduct a Public Hearing for 2017 Budget Amendments; Consider Approval of Proposed Budget Amendments to the 2017 Budget: Public Hearing was conducted. The Mayor closed the public hearing after no one came forward with comment.

Rawlings made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the 2017 Budget. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2017-44 Ordering the Removal and Abatement of Nuisances Identified by the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Augusta on Property Located at 781 W. Broadway Avenue: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-44 ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances identified by the Code Enforcement Officer on property located at 781 W. Broadway Avenue within ten (10) days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2018 Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals: Reavis made a motion to approve the 2018 Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals for Pizza Hut of SE KS, Inc., Taco Tico, Beijing Chinese Restaurant, Circle K Store, Dillons Store, Wal-Mart #346, Casey's General Store, and Sunny Stop Augusta. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

2017 Utility Collections and Write Offs: Leffler made a motion to approve the write off of 25 utility accounts in the amount of \$8,752.08. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2018 Utility Abatement Applications: Council reviewed and discussed the 2018 Utility Abatement Program applications. The Mayor suggested a work session to review the abatement process in early April to discuss the program for 2019.

Londagin made a motion to approve the requested abatements minus Augusta Youth Soccer and Augusta Girls Softball. Motion died from lack of a second.

Reavis made a motion to approve abatements for:

Augusta Arts Council (Theatre)	\$9,000
Augusta Arts Council (Gallery)	\$1,000
Augusta Community Caring Center	\$3,500
Augusta Historical Society	\$6,500
Augusta Public Library	\$25,000
Augusta Senior Center	\$5,000
Kansas Museum of Military History	\$4,000
Mid-Kansas CAP	\$8,000
Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum	\$15,000
Augusta Youth Soccer	Free Service
Augusta Girls Softball	Free Service

Lowery seconded the motion. Reavis amended his motion to exclude Augusta Youth Soccer. Lowery seconded the amendment. Reavis amended his amended motion to include approval of Augusta Youth Soccer contingent on them providing proof of their non-profit status. Motion to amend carried with Londagin and Magruder voting in opposition. Motion to approve proposed abatements with Augusta Youth Soccer's approval contingent on providing proof of their non-profit status carried with Londagin and Magruder voting in opposition.

2018 Special Alcohol Grant Applications: Lowery made a motion to approve the 2018 Alcohol Grant requests for Tri-County CASA for \$2,500; Bright Futures of Augusta for \$5,000; Bright Futures Families for \$5,000; Family Life Center SAFEHOUSE for \$2,500; Students Against Destructive Decisions for \$5,000; and South Central Mental Health for \$5,000 for a total of \$25,000. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Board Appointment for Augusta Public Library: Crum made a motion to appoint Megan Vittitow to fill the vacant seat on the Augusta Public Library Board. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award for Utility Vehicle for Santa Fe Lake: Crum made a motion to accept the low bid for a Kawasaki Mule SX 4X4 from Mid-America Powersports in the amount of \$7,609.95. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Utility Rate Ordinance Rate Changes for Electric, Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste: Crum made a motion to approve Ordinance 2122 amending Chapter 15, Article 2, Section 220 of City Code, establishing a new water base rate and changing the annual base rate escalator from July to January 1 beginning in 2019. Leffler seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Leffler Yes, Magruder Yes, Lowery Yes, Crum Yes, Rawlings Yes, Londagin Yes. Motion carried.

Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2123 amending Chapter 15, Article 4, Section 442 of City Code, establishing a new wastewater base rate and implementing an annual 3% base rate escalator beginning January 1, 2019. Crum seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Leffler Yes, Magruder Yes, Lowery Yes, Crum Yes, Rawlings Yes, Londagin Yes. Motion carried.

Crum made a motion to approve Ordinance 2124 amending Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 508 of City Code, establishing a new base rate for polycart and dumpster customers and implementing an annual 3% base rate escalator beginning January 1, 2019. Rawlings seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Leffler Yes, Magruder Yes, Lowery Yes, Crum Yes, Rawlings Yes, Londagin Yes. Motion carried.

Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2125 amending Chapter 15, Article 3, Section 15-304 through 15-306 of City Code, establishing a new Fuel and Energy Cost Adjustment (FECA) base cost with annual adjustment based on average of the preceding three calendar years. Crum seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Leffler Yes, Magruder No, Lowery Yes, Crum Yes, Rawlings Yes, Londagin Yes. Motion carried.

Roll-Off Dumpster Container Administrative Policy; Approval of Proposed Fee Schedule Resolution 2017-45: Reavis made a motion to approve an Administrative Policy outlining the parameters of the roll-off dumpster container program. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis made a motion to approve Fee Schedule Resolution 2017-45. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Reminder that the first City Council meeting in January will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 because of the New Year's Holiday.

Reminder that the City Council will be conducting a special meeting/work session on Monday, January 8 at 6:00 pm. To review the status of Pride & Progress projects and administer oaths of office to new Council Member David Bates and Eric Birk.

Shaw provided an update on City Lake Eurasian milfoil and cleanup plans.

Magruder: Magruder addressed the public and stated that the Council spent four plus hours in a work session discussing utility rates and making their decisions. He stated it was not an easy decision to make, but it was what was seen as best.

Childers: Leffler made a motion to schedule a work session to discuss utility abatements for April 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler and Londagin: Leffler and Londagin wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Executive Session:

At 8:52 p.m. Lowery made a motion to recess into executive session for 90 minutes to discuss an individual's employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Lowery asked that City Manager Josh Shaw join the Council in executive session. The governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 10:22 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:22 p.m., Lowery made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Lowery made a motion to amend the City Manager's contract to include a 2% merit increase and 1% COLA for 2018. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 10:23 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk