

CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on April 17, 2017, with Mayor Matt C. Childers presiding. Council present were Jason Lowery, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Paul Belt, Tom Leffler, Mike Rawlings, Justin Londagin and Ron Reavis. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, City Attorney Austin Parker and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Code Enforcement Officer Travis Combes, Belinda Larsen, Connie Thurman, Suzie Thien, Cathy Brock, Chuck May, and Mike Stump.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Cale Magruder, First Southern Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Leffler made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2017 City Council meeting. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 4: Belt made a motion to approve Ordinance #4 in the amount of \$700,589.84. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Suzi Thien, representing the Sunlight Children's Advocacy and Rights Foundation (SCARF), was in attendance to provide the City Council with an update on SCARF.

Cathy Brock, with Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, was present to request use of Shryock Park, Garvin Park and the Lake Road to hold a 5K family run/walk on September 2, 2017. Lowery made a motion to approve the request from Pregnancy and Family Resource Center to use Shryock Park, Garvin Park and Lake Road to hold a 5K family run/walk on September 2, 2017. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Agreement Between the City of Augusta and Scwab-Eaton, P.A. for Design Services for Proposed Restroom and Concession Facilities to be Constructed in Garvin Park: Magruder made a motion to approve an agreement between Schwab-Eaton, P.A. Consulting Engineers and the City of Augusta, Kansas for design services for restroom and concession facilities to be constructed in Garvin Park in the amount not to exceed \$91,595. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Resolution Fixing Time and Place for Hearings Concerning the Condemnation and Repair or Demolition of Structures Located at 1205 North Hooper Street and 244 East 12th Avenue Pursuant to the Provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 Et Seq: Londagin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-21 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a single-family residential structure located at 1205 North Hooper Street. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Londagin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-22 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a single-family residential structure located at 244 East 12th Avenue. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Nuisance Abatement Resolutions for Various Properties Throughout the City of Augusta: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-23 determining that a nuisance exists and ordering the removal and abatement of said nuisance within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e on the property located at 309 W Edgewood Street. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-24 determining that a nuisance exists and ordering the removal and abatement of said nuisance within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e on the property located at 435 E 12th Avenue. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-25 determining that a nuisance exists and ordering the removal and abatement of said nuisance within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e on the property located at 1710 N Dearborn Street. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-26 determining that a nuisance exists and ordering the removal and abatement of said nuisance within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e on the property located at 1923 N Dearborn Street. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance No. 2115 Implementing Business Regulations for Horse and Carriage Businesses within the City of Augusta, Kansas; Fee Schedule Resolution 2017-27: Rawlings made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2115 adding a new article to City Code regulating horse and carriage businesses within the city limits. Londagin seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Leffler Yes, Belt Yes, Magruder Yes, Lowery Yes, Crum Yes, Rawlings Yes, and Londagin Yes. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion to approve Fee Schedule Resolution 2017-27 adding a business license fee for horse and carriage businesses. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayoral Appointments to Various City Boards and Commissions; Governing Body Appointments to the Park Advisory Board: Rawlings made a motion to approve the appointment of John Sidorek and re-appointment of Michael Snow and Willie Sinsel to the Airport Advisory Board, the re-appointment of Mary Williams to the Augusta Housing Authority, the appointment of Shane Scott to the Main Street Design Committee, and the re-appointment of Councilman Mike Rawlings, Councilman Justin Londagin, Betty Roy and Erik Birk to the Park Advisory Board. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Paul Belt: Cremation Scattering Garden. Belt stated a cremation scattering garden would be a nice addition to our cemetery and be an avenue for those individuals that are financially burdened to honor their loved ones. He stated that the City could sell bronze markers and have an underground vault for cremains to be poured. The consensus of the governing body was to explore a cremation scattering garden during the 2018 Budget process.

Paul Belt: Landfill Coupon Donation Program. Belt stated that many people in our community do not use their cards and the cleanup process can be a financial burden for those in need of cleaning up their property. He suggested a program where people can donate their cards to the code enforcement officer so he can give them in to those individuals he is working with on the cleanup of their property. Magruder inquired about the use of a roll off dumpster. The governing body provided consensus to explore the landfill coupon donation program.

Matt Childers: Economic Development Work Session. Londagin made a motion to approve scheduling a joint work session with members of Augusta Progress Inc. (API) at 6:00 p.m. on April 24, 1017 to discuss economic development in the City of Augusta. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Sims gave an update on lifeguard recruitment for municipal swimming pool. He stated we currently have 16 lifeguards including five that have scheduling conflicts over the season. He stated that the scheduling conflicts could cause certain areas of the pool, such as the water slide or diving board, to be closed when there are not enough lifeguards present. Sims stated that we need to have 24 lifeguards including the two managers to meet the rotations, scheduling, and hours of operation. Lowery suggested looking in to closing on certain days, specifically Monday when attendance is low.

Shaw stated that there will be an informational meeting on the South Ohio Project Tuesday at the Frisco Depot at 7 p.m. on April 18th. He stated that construction will begin later this week. Shaw stated that letters were sent out to the property owners letting them know about the meeting and that the mobile traffic messaging trailer is on Ohio now notifying of the meeting. He stated the contractor will be at the meeting and that tree removal will be starting early on. Shaw stated that the scheduled completion date is December 15, 2017 for the roadway to be reopened and that sodding and tree replacement will be completed by April 2018. He stated that the meeting will cover how trash pickup will occur during construction and a general overview of how the project will move forward and sequencing.

Reavis: Reavis stated he does not understand KDHE's response on the El Dorado Waterline in section 6.6 on page. Shaw stated that KDHE was asked if they would comment on the potential for the raw waterline to be converted to a potable water line, they would not give a written confirmation on whether they would support that. Reavis asked about how the meetings with El Dorado are going. Shaw stated the meetings have gone really well. He stated our El Dorado contract expires in 7-8 years and our Mulvane contract still has several years on it. He stated he wants some assurance that if we put that big of an investment into infrastructure that we will be able to use it when our El Dorado contract expires. He stated if we have to make a choice between purchasing treated water instead of raw water that could impact the current project. Shaw stated he wants to have that new contract with El Dorado in place before we build this project. He stated that all of these are moving pieces and we want to make sure, under an abundance of caution, that we resolve those contract issues before the project breaks ground. Childers stated we are banking money now from the sales tax we are receiving and that will provide the ability to issue less debt for the project in the future.

Reavis inquired about the new elections timeline. Jones and Shaw both stated that the deadline for candidates to file is June 1st.

Crum: Crum asked if the lifeguard age was changed to 15. Sims said no, 16. Parker stated that the amount of time they can work and liability insurance would be concerns for hiring 15 year olds.

Executive Session:

At 8:37 p.m., Lowery made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes under the preliminary discussions of real property acquisition exceptions to the Kansas Open Meetings Act for preliminary discussions relating to acquisition of real property for future expansion of city facilities. Lowery asked that City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, and City Attorney Austin Parker join the Council in executive session. The governing body will reconvene at 8:53 p.m. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:53 p.m., Lowery made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: at 8:53 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk