

CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on September 4, 2018, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Cale Magruder, Eric Birk, Paul Belt, Jamie Crum, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and David Bates. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, City Attorney Austin Parker, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Public Safety Bob Sage and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Susan Smith, Kate Bosserman, Travis Combes, Belinda Larson, Connie Thurman, John Black, Mike Stump, Shane Scott and Don Durflinger.

Oath of Office:

City Clerk Jones administered the Oath of Office to Ron Reavis who was elected by the City Council to fill the vacant position and unexpired term of former Ward 4 council member Justin Londagin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Councilman Cale Magruder gave the invocation.

Mayor Rawlings: Rawlings welcomed Reavis back to the city council and stated that he thought it might be a good time to share some of his thoughts on the council's role. He read the following statement:

“We have had some new wrinkles added these last several months with the departure of Matt and Justin and the addition of Kip and Ron and my new role as Mayor. (And, by the way, I want you to know I am humbled and honored to serve in this role) I want to say “thank you” to each one of you for serving our citizens and businesses who are the shareholders or stockholders of the community and, in sports lingo, have made us the front office so to speak. We then have hired a manager who in turn has hired coaches and players for our team in the hopes of winning a championship which means a raise in stock prices and dividends for the shareholders.”

“I have served on several mixes of councils and mayors these last 18 years and none have matched the positive attitudes and thinking of the last couple of years which I feel is a result of initiating the Pride and Progress theme. I hope to see that carry on. Several of you were elected a few years ago to replace former councilmen who had shown a kind of negative attitude towards the team and managers. I just want to encourage you to carry on with the positive attitude that we have shared the last couple of years. As a council, let's help the manager and coaches by making sure they have the tools and the time to do their jobs so they can run the team and make our stockholders some dividends. This will come as we make sure our policies and directives help with growing and strengthening the tax base.”

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2018 City Council meeting and August 27, 2018 Special Meeting. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 8A: Belt made a motion to approve Ordinance 8A dated 8/22/2018. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Don Durflinger, representing Augusta American Legion Post 189, was present to request relocation of a proposed Veteran's Memorial from Docking Park to the land area behind Community National Bank. Council requested drawings or plans be submitted to staff. Magruder made a motion to refer this matter to the Park Board. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Shane Scott, representing Sugar Shane's Café, was present to request that the City Council consider allowing the palm tree planter that was installed along the city streetscape downtown to remain in the city planter area. Reavis made a motion to allow the palm tree to be permanently attached to the space but to be removed if his business is ever vacated. Bates seconded the motion. Motion failed with Leffler, Reavis and Bates voting in favor and Richardson, Crum, Belt, Magruder and Birk voting in opposition.

Crum made a motion to allow the palm tree to remain in place for 60 days to give the council time to review the current regulations and recommend changes. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried with Richardson and Magruder voting in opposition. Council consensus was to have the Main Street Committee review the request and make a recommendation.

Dan Roberts, representing Rally for Roberts, was present to request the closure of 4th Avenue from State Street to Walnut on Saturday, September 8th for a period of 4 hours to conduct a benefit run for his son who has MDS Cancer. He stated they would like to have trash carts. Belt made a motion to allow the closure of 4th Avenue from State Street to Walnut on Saturday, September 8th for a period of 4 hours to conduct a benefit dart run and as long as they meet the coverage requirements of the City's insurance. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Business:

Update on Condemnation Process of a Single-Family Residential Structure and a Detached Residential Garage Located at 432 East Broadway Avenue: Magruder made a motion to table any further condemnation action until October 1, 2018. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Joint-Funding Agreement for the U.S. Geological Survey to Operate the River Monitoring Station on the Whitewater River: Magruder made a motion to table and allow staff to review history. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Declare City Fire Engine #3 as Surplus Property and Authorize Disposal Pursuant to City Policy: Crum made a motion to declare City Fire Engine #3, a 1972 Ford C-800, as surplus property and authorize disposal of vehicle on Purple Wave pursuant to the City's adopted policy for disposal of surplus property. Bates seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase or Parts to repair the Cremator at the Augusta Animal Clinic: Leffler made a motion to table the purchase of the parts until staff can come back with a draft agreement with the Augusta Animal Clinic. Crum seconded the motion. Crum called the vote. Belt seconded the motion to call the vote. Motion carried without opposition. The original motion failed with Leffler voting in favor and all others voting in opposition. Reavis made a motion to table the purchase of the parts until staff conducts a cost comparison with the purchase of a full unit. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2018-24: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-24 establishing a \$10 fee for regulation-compliant Shepherd's hooks available at Elmwood Cemetery. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Engineering Services Agreements with Schwab Eaton for Design Engineering and Construction Staking for Sanitary Sewer Extension: Crum made a motion to approve the Design Engineering Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton in the lump sum amount of \$9,900 for design services for installation of a sanitary sewer line at the electric plant facility to serve the new mechanic shop and future public works buildings. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

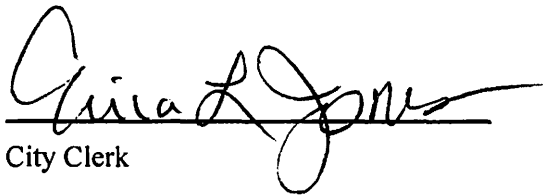
Leffler made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement for construction staking for the new sanitary sewer line in the amount of \$1,100. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Reavis made a motion to schedule a work session for October 8, 2018 at 6 p.m. to discuss long-term capital improvement projects. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler: Remind everyone KOMA training on September 20th in Derby.

Adjourn: At 8:58 p.m., Bates made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Rawlings reminded of the cemetery clean up. Motion carried without opposition.


City Clerk