

CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2019
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on May 6, 2019, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Cale Magruder, Eric Birk, Jamie Crum, Bob Bailey, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Felicia Martindale. Also present: City Attorney Austin Parker, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Public Safety Bob Sage, HR Manager Makala Navarro and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Susan Smith, Eric Burris, Rod Davis and Travis Combes. Visitors present were: Belinda Larsen, John Black, Connie Thurman, Morgan Barnes, Rick Neubauer and Gwyn Birk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Rick Neubauer, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2019 City Council meeting. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 4A dated 4/17/2019. Martindale seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. Magruder made a motion to approve Ordinance 5 dated 5/1/2019. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Proclamations:

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring the week of May 12th to be “Local Law Enforcement Week” and calling upon all our citizens to honor and show appreciation for our local law enforcement officers.

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring May 18, 2019 as “Kids to Parks Day” in the City of Augusta.

The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming that the City of Augusta will be known as “Hill Valley” on May 11, 2019 in celebration of the Back to the Future Trilogy Series.

Visitors:

Morgan Barnes from Wichita State University was present to recognize HR Manager Makala Navarro with her completion certificate for the mini-MPA program at Wichita State University.

Business:

Nuisance Abatement Resolutions for Various Properties Throughout the City of Augusta: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-05 determining a nuisance exists at 128 East Main Street and ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e; Resolution No. 2019-06 determining a nuisance exists at 781 West Broadway Avenue and ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e; Resolution No. 2019-07 determining a nuisance exists at 804 West Clark Avenue and ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances within ten days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Utility Easement for Park Place Subdivision in Support of The Basin A Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Magruder made a motion to accept utility easements for 208 West Westwood Avenue, 291 West Westwood Avenue, 1519 North Washington Lane, 1521 North Washington Lane, 1523 North Washington Lane, 1525 North Washington Lane, 1603 North Washington Lane, 1605 North

Washington Lane, 1607 North Washington Lane, 1609 North Washington Lane, 1602 North Highland Drive, 1604 North Highland Drive, 1606 North Highland Drive, 1610 North Highland Drive, 1612 North Highland Drive, 1612 North Highland Drive, 1614 North Highland Drive, 1616 North Highland Drive and 1618 North Highland Drive in the amount of \$9,825.28 to be paid out of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Park Advisory Board Recommendations for Santa Fe Lake: Leffler made a motion to approve the implementation of a campsite reservation system through Reserve America for Santa Fe Lake. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson made a motion to approve the Park Advisory Board's recommendation to accept a donation of six mountain bikes and bicycle helmets from Bicycle X-Change with a letter of donation in order to waive insurance requirements. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Crum made a motion to approve the Park Advisory Board's recommendation to implement a Kid's Nature Camp during summer 2019 at Santa Fe Lake, subject to the terms and conditions, fees and waiver to be approved at a future meeting. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2148 amending Chapter 12, Article 2 of the Augusta City Code. Crum seconded the motion. Roll Call: Birk Yes, Magruder Yes, Bailey Yes, Crum Yes, Richardson Yes, Leffler Yes, Reavis Yes and Martindale Yes. Motion carried.

Magruder made a motion to approve Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2019-08 as presented except to remove the large group bicycle rental fee. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Grant Contract Between Secretary of Health and Environment for \$75,000 for the Installation of Soft Rubberized Surfacing on the Downtown Playground: Reavis made a motion to approve the grant contract through the Kansas Waste Tire Grant Program in the amount of \$75,000 for the installation of rubber pour in place soft safety surfacing at the Dalton Palmer Memorial Playground. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Martindale: Martindale asked if the letter has been sent to those people living around the lake about the meeting. Shaw stated that the date for the meeting needs to be set before the letter can be sent out.

Richardson made a motion to schedule a joint meeting between the City Council and Park Advisory Board on Tuesday, June 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis: Reavis asked if staff has a file started for the garage located at 111 Main. Sims stated we do and we are trying to figure out who to make the notification to. Reavis asked why this is different from the other properties presented tonight. Shaw stated this is related to a structure, so we have to follow K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. Parker stated it is not the same as a nuisance and requires notification to addresses provided in a title company certification list.

Reavis recognized Belinda Larsen as this is the last council meeting she will cover for the newspaper. He stated that he appreciates her professionalism and dedication to our town and wishes her the best of luck.

Leffler: Leffler thanked the Butler Community College students for replacing the mulch at Castle Park. Leffler inquired about the rollout of the new website. Shaw stated he is working out a few issues with our domains and subdomains and how those are tied to our email, but that it should be any day now.

Rawlings: Rawlings asked Sims to put 1701 Sunset on the list of properties that need to be cleaned up.

Crum: Crum stated there is a house north of 1901 Dearborn that is white with blue trim that needs to be on the clean-up list. Crum asked if when the budget work sessions are complete if we could schedule a meeting to talk about RV's, roll of rentals, blight, campers, storage units, etc. Parker stated he could email staff and council a sample ordinance to use as a starting point.

Magruder: Magruder complimented staff on the strategic retreat. He stated he has a thank you card for the donated bicycles if anyone is interested in signing it.

Shaw: Shaw stated he is attending a hearing at Butler County tomorrow at 9 a.m. about the road closure at the Airport.

Adjourn: At 9:27 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

/s/Erica L. Jones, City Clerk