

CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 20, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on January 20, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson and Ron Reavis. Councilwoman Felicia Martindale was absent. Also present: City Attorney Austin Parker, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Public Safety Bob Sage and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Susan Smith, Susie Geiger, Jim Sutton, Anthony Craft and Shane Noland. Visitors present were: Mark Chesney, James Ging, Larry Holloway, Jayme Chapin, Dalton Patterson, Connie Thurman, Gary Rogers, Myrna Rogers, Troy Palmer, Bill Morris, Mark McCollom, Sue Jones and Ray Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, Augusta United Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Council meeting. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 12B dated 12/30/2019 and 12C and 12D dated 12/31/2019. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Mark Chesney, representing the Kansas Power Pool, attended to present Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton with an award recognizing his years of service for the Kansas Power Pool.

Business:

Elect President of the City Council; Ordinance No. 2159 Amending Election Date for the President of the Council: Crum made a motion to elect Magruder President of the City Council to preside over meetings in the Mayor's absence. Reavis seconded the motion. Richardson made a motion to elect Leffler President of the City Council to preside over meetings in the Mayor's absence. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion to elect Leffler carried.

Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2159 amending election date for the position of president of the Council. Reavis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis, Yes; Richardson, Yes; Huddleston, Yes; Birk, Yes; Magruder, Yes; Crum, Yes; Leffler Yes. Motion carried without opposition.

Recommendations From Park Advisory Board Regarding Relocation of Planned Veteran's Memorial and Selection of Skate Park Consultant: Reavis made a motion to approve park advisory board recommendation to relocate the Veteran's memorial project from Docking Park to the empty lot on State Street behind Community National Bank and to select Spohn Ranch as our preferred skate park consultant and authorize staff and the park board to prepare contract documents. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

CTB Grant for Wichita Children's Theater: Magruder made a motion to approve Convention & Tourism Committee's recommendation for approval of grant and payment of \$1,000 to Augusta Arts Council for their Wichita Children's Theatre event. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of WWTP Rover Sewer Inspection Camera through Sourcewell National Purchasing Contract; Authorize the City of Augusta's Participation in HGAC Purchasing Contract and Approve Purchase of Easement Machine Through GHAC National Purchasing Contract: Reavis made a motion to table these purchases until more information is obtained on the warranty. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Bids for a Mid-size Dump Truck for the Street Division: Reavis made a motion to approve the low bid submitted by Shawnee Mission Ford for an F-550 truck with a Meyer plow, salt/sand spreader, and a dump bed in the amount of \$91,854.00 and the alternative 201 Stainless Steel end gate and dump bed sides in the amount of \$2,300.00. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Lease for Space in Downtown Frisco Shops Development for Operation of Public Restrooms to Service the Dalton Palmer Memorial Playground: Mark McCollom addressed the governing body. Jayme Chapin, DAI Director, addressed the governing body. Reavis made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Frisco Shops, LLC. For 400 square feet of space in the Frisco Shops development to be constructed in the building just south of the downtown playground pursuant to the Frisco Plaza concept plan previously reviewed by the City Council. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Richardson made a motion to schedule a Council planning work session on January 27 at 6 p.m. to schedule meetings and work sessions for the 2020 Calendar Year. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler: Leffler stated there are people tearing up the lake road and grass areas again. He stated he would like them to find a little respect and quit mudding around the lake. Sims said he is waiting for word back from the City engineer. Leffler complimented staff on the cleanup.

Crum: Crum asked who owns the lights that used to be in the park. Shaw said it depends on the display. He stated they were originally Ignite Augusta and that they have sold some and given some away, including to the City. Crum asked who decides who can use those. Shaw stated that they do not belong to the City so we have no say in how those decisions are made. If they own them, they can decide who can use them.

Magruder: Magruder stated that we are setting aside some money for the storm water utility and that he wants to make sure that the process is involved and that there is community involvement. He said he does not want to see it presented and a decision made in one night. Shaw stated he does not plan to handle it that way, but would like to include it in the planning for the 2021 Budget. He said he plans to use interest money to start the process. And we have an agreement drafted with Midland GIS to calculate the impervious surfaces and map that to help us start identifying projects that the utility might be able to fund. Then Council will be able to see the calculation for the rates and will be able to determine the rates to be set.

Rawlings: Rawlings stated if people would like to see the downtown tree raised 4-5 feet it will cost \$7,000 and that now would be a good time to start privately raising the funds to do that or include it in the 2021 Budget and fund it with tax dollars.

Huddleston: Huddleston asked if in an effort to help transparency, would it be possible to put a form on the City website to request to be notified of City meetings. Shaw stated he would check the website to see if it is on there. Shaw stated if not it would not be too hard to add.

Reavis: Reavis stated that the businesses on north Ohio they are having a planning session coming up and asked if we have a timeline for the project on north Ohio. Shaw said yes, that a schedule was provided in a previous council packet that lined out all the steps related to the project. Reavis asked if detours, etc. be included in the engineering. Shaw stated that sometimes they work directly with the contractors and sometimes with the engineers. Shaw stated he could ask them. Reavis said a few meetings ago he inquired about the lights in the Knebler Addition. Rawlings stated that it was an old handshake agreement and we do not have anything in writing, Shaw stated it would be a good idea to provide closure and address whether we will or will not repair or maintain the lights. Shaw stated we could go back, review the minutes for history on it, and speak with the distribution staff to see the cost to provide lighting up there. Richardson asked who would determine how many lights and the placement of the lights. Shaw stated if we had to do it, then we would do it as we would in any other area.

Adjourn: At 8:51 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk