

CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on December 21, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler and Ron Reavis. Councilmen Mike Huddleston and Bill Slade were absent. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton, Justin Basgall, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: Jayme Chapin, DeAnn Triboulet, Elmer Simon, Charles May and Shirley Childers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Paul Andrews, Freedom Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Crum made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020 Council meeting. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 12 dated 12/9/2020. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Jayme Chapin, representing Downtown Augusta, Inc., was present to recognize the winners of the Winter Adopt-A-Pot Competition. Shirley Childers was awarded 1st Place; DeAnn Triboulet, representing the Augusta Senior Center, was awarded 2nd Place; and Denise Burns and Connie Mead, representing Beth Hall Shelter Insurance, were awarded People's Choice.

Elmer Simon was presented a plaque for 20 years of service on the Augusta Planning Commission by Mayor Rawlings.

Business:

Nuisance Abatement Resolution 2020-22: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-22 determining that a nuisance exists at 1700 N Custer Lane and ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances within 10 days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition

Purchase of Two Double-Wall Fuel Tanks and Fuel Master System to be Located at Power Plant #2: Leffler made a motion to approve the bid from Double Check Co., Inc. for the installation of (1) 1,000-gallon Double-wall tank and (1) 2,000-gallon Double-wall tank; and (1) Fuel Master FMU-2500-Plus fuel management system at Power Plant #2 in the amount of \$29,930.64. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Pedestrian Trail Scope of Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A.: Magruder made a motion to approve the Scope of Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. to provide Bidding Phase Services, Contract Administration Services, and Part-Time Construction Observation Services in the amount of \$20,735.00. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Change Order #3 for 2020 Street Sales Tax Projects: Magruder made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 for the 2020 Street Sales Tax Project adjusting the final cost of the project to \$1,154,747.00

and providing eight (8) additional calendar days for substantial completion due to winter weather delays. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2021 Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals: Crum made a motion to approve the 2021 Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License Renewals. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

2020 Utility Write Offs and Collections: Richardson made a motion to approve the write off of 13 utility accounts in the amount of \$2,962.93. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Planning Commission Appointments: Crum made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Diana Burress (term ending April 2021) and the re-appointment of David Bisagno (term ending April 2021), Rick Blue (term ending April 2021), Nick Hoefgen (term ending April 2023) , Jim Keller (term ending April 2021), Jake McClure (term ending April 2023), and Connie Thurman (term ending April 2022) to serve on the Planning Commission. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: CDBG-CV Payment Loan Forgiveness. Council consensus was to consider this as an agenda item at the next Council meeting.

Leffler made a motion to schedule a strategic retreat for the 2022 Budget year on Monday, January 25th at 6 p.m. at City Hall and Saturday, January 30th from 8 a.m. to noon. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis: Reavis asked for a follow up to the discussion brought up at the last meeting by the gentleman that lives on Washington Lane who was concerned about water drainage. Sims stated he is reviewing information from the Stormwater GIS mapping. He said everything appears to be a 42-inch pipe then increases to a 48-inch pipe at the end. Sims stated the line was viewed by camera and they did not find any obstructions. He stated they are still reviewing the situation, but that there is a tremendous amount of water that comes down Shirley and Washington Lane and feeds down in to that box. Sims stated staff is trying to see what that means so we can meet with the Engineering firm to see what we can do to fix it or what improvements can be made. Shaw stated that we can also review contouring maps that will give elevation and show how the water flows. He stated the consultant can take a pour point and provide data that will show us how much flow is going to any given location and make an educated and informed decision on how best to address it. Shaw stated details about that process will be included in the strategic retreat document.

Richardson: Richardson offered his condolences to Councilman Reavis for the loss of his father Forest Reavis, a former employee and fire fighter.

Rawlings: Rawlings thanked the community for all they have done this year. He stated they have pulled together and made things easier for some people. He stated he has enjoyed seeing all the Christmas decorations and reminded everyone that this is a time for being nice to each other.

Executive Session:

At 8:09 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Richardson asked that City Manager Josh Shaw and City Attorney Andrew Moreno join the Council in executive session. The

open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 8:49 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:39 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion to extend the City Manager's contract to 2022 and offer 2% COLA and 1% merit increase. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition

Adjourn: At 8:40 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk