

CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 16, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on March 16, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler and Ron Reavis. Councilmember Crum was absent. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Public Safety Bob Sage and Deputy City Clerk Tammy Davis. Staff Present: Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: Christina Larsen, Jayme Chapin, Andrew Smith, Mark Hall, Jacob Harris, Pastor Loy Hoskins, Bill Slade and Tony Madrigal.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Loy Hoskins, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2020 Council meeting and March 7, 2020 Strategic Retreat. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 3 dated 3/4/2020. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Mark Hall was present to request Council permission to host a motorcycle benefit ride and BBQ event at the Augusta Municipal Airport. Leffler made a motion to approve a motorcycle benefit ride and BBQ at the Augusta Municipal Airport on June 13, 2020. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Jayme Chapin, representing Downtown Augusta Inc., and Christina Larsen, representing Prestige Films, were present to request Council permission to film a movie downtown on March 29, 2020 from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. and block off State Street during filming. They were asked to complete the Event Planning Form. Reavis made a motion to approve the closure of State Street during filming downtown on March 29, 2020 from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

2020 Insurance Renewal: Reavis made a motion to accept the bid proposal from ICI for the renewal of the City's 2020 Insurance Policy in the amount of \$428,613.00, not including the flood insurance policies. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Presentation from Lee Zell, Regional Director of National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program; Resolution Authorizing Participation and Execution of Marketing Agreement: Council received a presentation from Lee Zell, Regional Director of the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty program.

Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 authorizing participation and execution of a marketing agreement for the NLC Service Line Program, with a one-year contract with one-year renewal and a 90-day cancellation for convenience. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler, Birk and Reavis voting in favor, Magruder, Huddleston and Richardson voting in opposition, and Mayor Rawlings breaking the tie to pass the Resolution.

Pipeline License Agreement and Environmental Compliance Plan for BNSF Railway Crossing for Natural Gas Services for Power Plant No. 2; Discussion Regarding USDI Gas Line Management Proposal: Reavis made a motion to approve the Pipeline License and Environmental Compliance Plan for BNSF Railway Crossing for Natural Gas Services for Power Plant No. 2. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Council provided consensus to bring a contract with USDI back at a future meeting.

Public Safety Telephone System Upgrade: Richardson made a motion to approve the low bid from Communications Technology Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$9,699.82 for the Public Safety Telephone System Upgrade. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Scope of Services Agreements with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. to Prepare Site Plans for Public Buildings: Richardson made a motion to approve a Scope of Services Agreement with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. to produce Site Development Plans for the construction of new city operations facilities in the amount of \$6,200 for the Solid Waste Division, \$11,900 for the Water Division, and \$6,900 for the Street Division for a total cost of \$25,000. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Charter Ordinance No. 17 Related to the Expenditure of Local Alcoholic Liquor Funds: Richardson made a motion to approve Charter Ordinance No. 17 exempting the City of Augusta, Kansas from K.S.A. 79-41a04; providing substitute and additional provisions concerning the expenditure and use of local alcoholic liquor funds. Leffler seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Huddleston Yes, Magruder Yes, Birk Yes, Richardson Yes, Leffler Yes. Motion carried.

2020 Special Alcohol Grants: Reavis made a motion to approve the recommendation from the ad hoc committee and issue 2020 Special Alcohol Grants to Augusta USD No. 242 for \$3,632, Bright Futures Augusta for \$1,840, Core Community Augusta for \$3,365, Family Life Center – Safehouse for \$3,632, South Central Mental Health for \$3,632 and Tri-County CASA for \$3,632 for a total of \$20,000. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Ordinance No. 2161 Amending Section 1114.5 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for City-Owned Work-Site Utility Vehicles on City Streets: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2161 Amending Section 1114.5 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for City-Owned Work-Site Utility Vehicles on City Streets. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Huddleston No, Birk Yes, Magruder Yes, Leffler Yes. Motion carried.

New Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage License Application: Reavis made a motion to approve a new Cereal Malt Beverage License to sell Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverages not for consumption on the premises for Corner Market 124 LLC, DBA Corner Market, located at 610 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Election of New Councilmember to Fill the Unexpired Term for the Ward 4 Seat Previously Occupied By Felicia Martindale: Reavis made a motion to nominate Bill Slade to fill the unexpired term for the Ward 4 seat previously occupied by Felicia Martindale. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Reavis: Reavis congratulated the Augusta High School Basketball Team for making it to State, as well as three wrestlers and the girls Bowling Team.

Reavis stated that our vaping ordinance set the age at 18, but that all stores show you have to be 21. He stated he would like to consider the ordinance again in the near future to increase the age to 21.

Richardson: Richardson stated he would like to revisit the topic of the yield sign versus stop sign at the Sunflower and Moyle intersection at the next council meeting.

Huddleston: Huddleston inquired about the Kansas Corporate Commission's (KCC) announcement of non-enforcement of utility billing until 4/15/2020 and asked what the City's policy is. Shaw stated that he felt we should be consistent and follow the KCC's guidance.

Adjourn: At 10:15 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk