

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

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in a regular session on July 20, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Also present: City Attorney Austin Parker, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Susie Geiger. Visitors Present: Rick Neubauer and Troy Palmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2020 Council meeting and July 13, 2020 Budget Work Session #3. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 7 dated 7/8/2020. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Rick Neubauer was present to request the closure of East Clark Avenue from Osage Street to Dearborn Street and Henry Street from Charles to Kelly Avenue on August 4, 2020 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM for the purpose of hosting a National Night Out Block Party. Richardson made a motion to approve the request from Rick Neubauer to close East Clark Avenue from Osage Street to Dearborn Street and Henry Street from Charles to Kelly Avenue on August 4, 2020 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM for the purpose of hosting a National Night Out Block Party contingent on the approval of the Director of Public Safety. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Ordinance No. 2167 Providing for the Assessment of Costs Incurred in Connection with the Collection of Debts; Collection Contract Between the City of Augusta, Kansas and Collection Bureau of Kansas, Inc.: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2167 providing for the assessment of costs incurred in connection with the collection of debts owed to the City of Augusta, Kansas. Huddleston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Huddleston Yes, Birk Yes, Magruder Yes, Crum Yes, Leffler Yes, Slade Yes. Motion carried.

Crum made a motion to approve a collection contract with Collection Bureau of Kansas, Inc. (CBK) for the collection of debts owed to the City of Augusta, Kansas. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to move agenda item #5 up in the agenda and to discuss it at this time. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

New Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Augusta Country Club and Fitness LLC: Richardson made a motion to approve a new Cereal Malt Beverage License to sell enhanced cereal malt beverages (CMB) for consumption on the premises for Augusta Country Club and Fitness, LLC, located at 1610 Fairway Drive. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Ordinance No. 2168 Establishing Compensation for the Offices of Mayor and City Councilmember: Council provided direction to staff to change Section 108 to read as resolution instead of ordinance. Staff will bring a new Ordinance and Resolution to the next Council meeting.

Resolution No. 2020-13 Accepting Coronavirus Relief Fund Funding Appropriated to the City of Augusta by Butler County and Agreeing to Terms Specified in the CARES Act: Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-13 accepting any funds appropriated to the City of Augusta by Butler County through the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund and agreeing to the terms specified in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Director Appointments: Reavis made a motion to appoint Public Utilities Director Tim Johnson to serve as Director representing the City on the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Board of Directors and appoint Jim Sutton as the City's permanent Alternate representative. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Reminder of the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Augusta City Hall to finalize the 2021 Budget and authorize publication of the official budget hearing notice.

Magruder: Magruder stated that we had previously discussed brainstorming about a way to streamline the block party process to allow the City Manager to approve those while also making sure a percentage of the neighbors are notified in advance. Shaw stated that Assistant to the City Manager Geiger is working on that. Magruder stated that if you search for the Code on the City website it still brings up the old links, and asked if staff could take a look at that. Shaw stated it might be searching on an old archived cache, but that staff will look in to it to make sure the links on the website are correct.

Huddleston: Huddleston he had a couple questions about the appropriation ordinance. He inquired about the payment to CUSIP. Jones stated it is a cost of issuance fee related to the issuance of the temporary notes for the Street Sales Tax projects. Huddleston inquired about the payment to the US Treasury. Jones stated it is a fee we have to pay annually for our insurance since we are partially self-funded and that the fee is based on the average number of lives on our plan.

Reavis: Reavis stated he is still receiving calls about where we stand on golf carts and ATV's on City streets. He stated he would like council input whether they want staff to work on researching this, or does the council just want to say they are not allowed. He stated we need a resolution on this matter. Huddleston said many don't realize that there are a lot of restrictions about licensing, lighting, speed control, etc. so he is interested in seeing what we can do to accommodate this. Magruder stated he not interested in it. Crum stated she thought the original opposition had to do with the Safety Department not wanting them. Huddlston stated there are some of those utility vehicles being used on the street currently. Shaw stated people are driving golf carts on city streets too.

Reavis stated a person called about the new trees on the South Ohio Street. Reavis asked if all the replacement trees have been planted. Shaw stated the trees have all been planted. Magruder stated that some property owners declined new trees. Shaw stated all that said they wanted trees we did individual agreements with and those have all been planted.

Reavis asked if we could find a sponsor if the City would be interested and willing to do a candidate forum for the upcoming election and use our council room and Channel 7 or our YouTube channel. Shaw stated he wouldn't have an issue with using our room, but usually someone else such as the Chamber has run the forum as the moderator and that he would prefer that. Crum stated this are only two weeks before the election and El Dorado had a forum last week.

Adjourn: At 8:01 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk