

CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on November 1, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Jake Marr, Mike Huddleston, Bob Bailey, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, 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, Electric Distribution Superintendent Dave Warner, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Pastor Gene Kaufman, Richard Kennedy, Mark Chesney, Brooke Carroll, Connie Thurman, Jackie Callaghan and Mitch Suffield.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Gene Kaufman, GracePoint Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting and October 25, 2021 work session. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #10A dated 10/27/2021 with the removal of the check to the Augusta Arts Council in the amount of \$1,000. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitor:

Mark Chesney, representing Kansas Power Pool, was present to provide the City Council with updates at the Kansas Power Pool. Chesney presented a traveling trophy award to the City of Augusta as the winner of the Public Power Week. Brook Carroll with the Kansas Power Pool stated that the City was also awarded a \$500 donation as the winner.

Mitch Suffield spoke to the governing body on behalf of his sister Jackie Callaghan regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Suffield stated Callaghan moved to Augusta and purchased property behind Dillons to build a new home. He stated they just found out that they were late on paying the property taxes and that they were no longer eligible to be part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Suffield stated they never received their tax statement or any notices that it was not paid and impacted their participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Leffler asked when the taxes were actually paid. Suffield stated they were paid in October. Leffler stated that staff provided information that Jacqueline Callaghan was given certified mail receipt to her address in Arkansas. Sims stated it was delivered to the address in Springdale, Arkansas on June 1, 2021 at 2:56 p.m. Callaghan stated she did not receive the notice and that she was not living at that address at the time it was delivered. Huddleston made a motion to reinstate this property into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program based on the information provided to the Council tonight. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Audit Services RFP for the Years 2021-2023: Reavis made a motion to approve awarding the audit of the City's 2021-2023 year end financial services to Gordon CPA LLC and authorize City Manager Josh Shaw to execute the related agreements. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Planning Commission's Recommended Amendments to the Augusta Action Zoning Regulations: Leffler made a motion to table the proposed ordinance for a future meeting after research from staff regarding maximum floor area requirements and information related to the nine existing storage containers has been collected. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Augusta Action Park System Master Plan: Huddleston made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Park Advisory Board and the Augusta Planning Commission to adopt the Augusta Action Park System Master Plan. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Amendment to Chapter 14, Article 2, Section 14-212 of the City Code of the City of Augusta, Kansas. Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2181 amending Chapter 14, Article 2, Section 14-212 of the City Code of the City of Augusta, Kansas. Huddleston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Huddleston Yes, Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Bailey Yes, Leffler Yes, Slade Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Richardson: Richardson stated that over the last couple months we have had several people appear before us about the use of golf carts. He stated he would like the Council to provide direction to staff to move forward with drafting an ordinance. Richardson made a motion to direct staff to prepare an ordinance related to allowing golf carts, atv's, utv's and work site vehicles on city streets. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:05 p.m. Leffler made a motion to recess for a 10 minute break. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

At 9:15 p.m. Richardson made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Executive Session:

At 9:16 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 60 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), and to ask City Manager Josh Shaw to join the Council in executive session. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 10:16 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:16 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:17 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go 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 under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), and to ask City Manager Josh Shaw to join the Council in executive session. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 10:47 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:47 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 10:47 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk