

CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 15, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on November 15, 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, Human Resource Manager Makala Navarro, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Pastor Gene Kaufman, Richard Kennedy, Connie Thurman, Jayme Chapin, Priscilla Templin, Jamie Barton, Joyce Stockham, and Boy Scout Troop #212.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 City Council meeting. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #11 dated 11/10/2021. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitor:

Jayme Chapin, representing Go Augusta, was present to request a police escort and permission to block off State Street for a Holiday Lights and Magic Christmas Parade to take place on November 30, 2021. Richardson made a motion to approve the request from Go Augusta for a police escort and permission to block off State Street for a Holiday Lights and Magic Christmas Parade to take place on November 30, 2021. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Resolution No. 2021-25 Requesting to Butler County Board of Commissioners for the Transfer of the Redbud Trail NITU to the City of Augusta: Marr made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-25 requesting that the Butler County Board of Commissioners initiate the process for transferring trail management responsibilities and the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) to the City of Augusta for the rail-banked right-of-way between mile marker 485.2 and 488.35. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis, Leffler and Bailey voting in opposition.

Update to the Condemnation Process for 234 East Broadway: Huddleston made a motion to table any further action on this item until the January 17, 2022 City Council Meeting. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler and Marr voting in opposition.

City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) Surface Preservation Grant Agreement Between the City of Augusta and the Kansas Department of Transportation for Project No. 54-8 U-2422-01: Reavis made a motion to approve the State Fiscal Year 2023 City Connecting Link Improvement - Program Surface Preservation Agreement No. 357-21. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Model Railroad Club Lease Agreement: Richardson made a motion to approve the proposed lease agreement between the City of Augusta and the Augusta Model Railroad Club for a term to extend

from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Emergency Water Supply Plan Update 2021: Leffler made a motion to table this item until the December 6, 2021 Council meeting. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Workplace Wellness Program Contract with Navigate: Slade made a motion to approve the contract with Navigate Wellbeing Solutions for up to 250 employees. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2022 Utility Abatement Program Applications: Reavis made a motion to approve the 2022 Utility Abatement Program Applications as submitted. Motion died from lack of a second.

Richardson made a motion to approve an ad hoc committee made up of Council members Leffler, Richardson and Marr to review the 2022 Utility Abatement Program Applications and submit a recommendation for approval to the City Council. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:39 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess for a 10 minute break. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

At 8:49 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit break and resume the meeting. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Schedule a Public Hearing to Take Input and Comment on the Proposed 2021 Budget Amendments: Leffler made a motion to schedule a public hearing on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to take input and comment on the Proposed Amendments to the 2021 Budget. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Kansas Power Pool Voting Delegate Appointments: Reavis made a motion to appoint Director of Public Utilities Tim Jonson as the City's voting delegate and Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton as the alternate voting delegate at the annual membership committee meeting of the Kansas Power Pool. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Planning Commission's Recommended Amendments to the Augusta Action Zoning Regulations: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2182 accepting the Augusta Planning Commission's recommendation for amendments to the adopted zoning regulations for the City of Augusta. Leffler seconded the motion. Roll Call: Huddleston Yes, Birk No, Reavis Yes, Richardson No, Bailey No, Leffler Yes, Slade Yes, Marr No. Mayor Rawlings broke the tie by voting no. Motion failed.

Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2182 accepting the Augusta Planning Commission's recommendation for amendments to the adopted zoning regulations for the City of Augusta with the exception of the amendments to maximum floor area for detached structures. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Huddleston No, Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Bailey Yes, Leffler Yes, Slade Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Sims: Sims conducted a discussion on the North Ohio Street shoulders. Sims stated that staff and the City Engineer are in the process of finalizing the design of the North Ohio Street project and are planning on bidding the project next month. Sims stated a discussion was had with the engineer regarding

the shoulders along Ohio between Belmont and David Streets and that they did not recommend the shoulders as they were not included in the current design and would add a significant cost. After a lengthy discussion regarding the shoulders and the third lane, consensus was to move forward with the project as designed and not to include rebuilding the shoulders between Belmont and David Streets.

Special Alcohol Grants Ad Hoc Committee: Leffler made a motion to appoint Marr, Leffler and Richardson to serve on the ad hoc committee to review 2022 Special Alcohol Grant applications and make recommendations to the City Council. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Schedule Special Meeting for Meet & Greet Event with Public Safety Director Candidates: Leffler made a motion to schedule a special meeting on November 18, 2021 at 5 p.m. at The Points Event Center to conduct a public meet and greet feedback session for the Public Safety Director candidates. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated he received a message that Channel 7 is off. Susan Smith stated that the channel keeps going out and coming back on and she believes it is a Cox cable issue. Huddleston stated that he reviewed the information regarding the calculation of the fuel adjustment and by his calculations we pay \$0.03 more to purchase it than it costs us to produce. Shaw asked Huddleston to send him his calculations so he can see where he is coming up with that figure and he would review it.

Reavis: Reavis asked staff and the City Attorney to review K.S.A. 58-3213 about the appeal process starting over and whether we have to provide any notifications and also asked about insurance coverage.

Richardson: Richardson stated he had a contractor working for him that ordered a dumpster and had to go to the city offices to pay because they told him they could not accept credit cards. Jones stated she would inquire about the situation, but that they can accept credit cards in the Community Development office for the rental of dumpsters and roll offs.

Executive Session:

At 10:25 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 10:55 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:55 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 10:55 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk