

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

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on March 15, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Council member Cale Magruder was absent. Also present: City Attorney Justin Phelps, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Bob Sage and Susan Smith. Visitors present were: Chad Phillips, Ryan Murray and Chuck May.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Loy Hoskins, Freedom Church, gave the invocation.

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

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 3 dated 3/3/2021. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Chad Phillips, 335 E Broadway, addressed the governing body. Phillips stated he is planning to open a tattoo shop and custom framing shop at 510 State Street. He stated he has applied for a conditional use permit for this location.

Business:

2021 Insurance Renewal: Richardson made a motion to approve the proposal from ICI Insurance for the renewal of the City's 2021 Insurance Policy in the amount of \$452,402.00. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award for Lulu to Frisco Pedestrian Trail Project: Crum made a motion to approve the low bid by APAC-Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$295,062.55 contingent on KDOT concurrence. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

North Ohio Street Financing Strategy Discussion and Supplemental Engineering Services Agreement: Leffler made a motion to approve Alternate A to outline a scope of work for the reconstruction of North Ohio Street from Belmont to the north city limits as a single project. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston voting in opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve Part A of the Supplemental Agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. in the amount of \$66,150 to account for a change in scope for the reconstruction of North Ohio Street. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston voting in opposition.

Fourth of July Fireworks Production Contract with Rainbows Fireworks: Slade made a motion to approve a fireworks production contract in the amount of \$10,000 with Rainbow Fireworks for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at Augusta City Lake. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director Reappointments: Crum made a motion to reappoint Jim Sutton to serve as Director #1 representing the City on the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Board of Directors. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Attorney Justin Phelps: Phelps stated that the Council is able to pass a Charter Ordinance that designates the City website as the City's official newspaper. He stated that there are still publications that will be required to be published in a publication of general circulation, such as passage of a charter ordinance. Phelps stated that City ordinances, annexations, comprehensive plans, subdivision and zoning regulations could be published on the City website. Leffler said he would like to see staff bring back a Charter Ordinance at the next meeting to designate the City website as the City's official newspaper. General consensus of the Council was for staff to prepare a Charter Ordinance.

Leffler: Leffler stated the Council received an email and calls about an inappropriate flag with foul language on North Ohio. Phelps stated he would not recommend the Council take that on and that it would be covered by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

Executive Session:

At 8:35 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 quarterly performance check-in pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Richardson asked that City Manager Josh Shaw join the Council in executive session. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:05 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:07 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rawlings: Rawlings read a letter from Councilmember Cale Magruder resigning his position on the Council effective March 16, 2021.

Adjourn: At 9:08 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk