

CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on September 20, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Jake Marr, Eric Birk, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Councilwoman Crum was absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw and Assistant City Manager Cody Sims. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Bob Sage, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Susan Smith, Ray Seif and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, Chuck May, Ross Vogel and Jan Vaughn.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021 City Council meeting. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #9 dated 9/15/2021. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Proclamations: Mayor Rawlings read a proclamation declaring October 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> as Public Power Week and celebrating the work of city electric utility employees.

Business:

Bid Award for State Street Water Tower Rehabilitation: Richardson made a motion to approve the low bid from Viking Painting, LLC in the amount of \$265,400 for re-painting the exterior, interior wet and interior dry surfaces along with site and structure improvements at State Street Water Tower upon review and approval by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2021-17 in Support of an Application for the Moderate Income Housing (MIH) Grant Program: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-17 authorizing submittal of an application to the Kansas Housing Resources Commission (KHRC) for the Moderate Income Housing (MIH) grant program. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Update on Condemnation Process of a Multi-Family Residential Structure Located at 926 North Lulu Street: Leffler made a motion to approve the proposal from Alan's Excavating in the amount of \$11,900 for the demolition of a multi-family residential structure located at 926 North Lulu Street. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Conduct a Public Hearing to Take Public Input and Comment on Exceeding the 2022 Revenue Neutral Rate: The Mayor opened the public hearing to take input and comment on exceeding the 2022 Revenue Neutral Rate. The Mayor closed the public hearing after no one came forward to speak.

Conduct a Public Hearing to Take Public Input and Comment on the Proposed 2022 Budget; Resolution No. 2021-18 Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; Adoption of 2022 Budget: The Mayor opened

the public hearing to take input and comment on the Proposed 2022 Budget. The Mayor closed the public hearing after no one came forward to speak.

Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-18 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2022 Budget. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 Budget. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance No. 2178 Establishing the Maximum Property Tax Dollar Amount for the Library Fund and Library Employee Benefit Fund for the Augusta Public Library of the City of Augusta, Kansas: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2178 establishing the maximum property tax dollar amount for the Library Fund and Library Employee Benefit Fund. Slade seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Huddleston Yes, Birk Yes, Richardson Yes, Leffler Yes, Slade Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Mayoral Appointment to Augusta Housing Authority: Richardson made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Shane Scott to the Augusta Housing Authority to fill an unexpired term ending April 2022. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Leffler made a motion to schedule a work session on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the Butler County decision regarding abandoning the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU). Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Request from Councilwoman Crum regarding RVs/Campers and front yard parking: Mayor Rawlings stated this would probably take a work session of its own and asked Shaw to provide guidance about when a work session could be scheduled. Shaw stated staff will work on getting some examples to present to the governing body to aid in their discussion. Shaw asked to have until the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide dates for a work session.

Reavis: Reavis stated that along the walking trail there are 5 to 6 areas where there is a lot of spray painting of arrows and numbers and that it seems to be from one of the recent events in the park. Reavis stated the event form states that paint has to be water based and this does not look like water based paint. He said they also spray painted on a wooden bridge. Shaw stated he will follow up with the event organizers. Reavis stated he didn't think a power washer would remove this paint and it is like we are allowing graffiti in our park. Richardson stated he thought the markings said P2G on them so it is probably the Paddle to Gravel event. Shaw stated he will follow up with the event organizers and we will be more pro-active in the future.

Reavis asked if there has been any progress on the truck route markings. Sims stated he has not made any progress, but it is on his to do list. Leffler stated in El Dorado they have a very large sign south of the refinery on Haverhill road.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated that in the Public Safety Director report in section 1G it stated that animal control services will be transitioning back to the department. Shaw stated we have not been able to deliver on all the efficiencies we planned to with the move to Community Development and it seemed to work better under Public Safety. Shaw stated staff can provide a better report and background follow up.

Executive Session:

At 8:08 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss issues related to potential legal liability related to the performance of a contract pursuant to the “consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship” justification for executive sessions under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), and to invite in City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Airport Manager Ray Seif and City Attorney Andrew Marino. The open meeting will resume in the City Council Chambers at 8:28 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:28 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 8:29 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk