

CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 6, 2023  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on March 6, 2023, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Bob Bailey, Eric Birk, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, and Ron Reavis. Councilmember Jeff Brown was absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Ray Marbut, Travis Combes, Shawna Cortez, and Susan Smith. Visitors: Pastor Loy Hoskins, Shawn Davis, Glenda McVay, Josh Burns, Nolan Burns, Richard Kennedy, Mary Cannady, and Alyssa Vernon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Loy Hoskins, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 City Council meeting and the February 25, 2023 Strategic Retreat Council meeting. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance #3 dated 3/1/2023. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Richard Kennedy, President of Augusta Model Railroad Club, provided the Council with an annual update on their club.

Business:

Proposals for Removal of Structures at 231 East Summit: Leffler made a motion to approve the proposal from Alan's Excavating in the amount of \$7,800 for the removal of residential structures located at 231 East Summit. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston, Birk and Richardson voting in opposition.

Request for Reinstatement of 1623 N Sunset Drive into the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan: Leffler made a motion to approve the reinstatement of 1623 N Sunset Drive into the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Agreement Addendum with Spohn Ranch for Construction of Skatepark in Bill Reed Park: Richardson made a motion to approve use of the \$20,000 set aside for the west entrance sign towards the Skate Park project. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. Josh Burns stated he is still working on another funding option.

Richardson made a motion to remand this redesign to the Park Board and bring the final proposal back to the Council upon their review and with their recommendations. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Huddleston: Huddleston inquired about the process related to the NRP Program and stated he wasn't sure when the City Clerk received the notice from the taxpayer with a request for reinstatement. He also asked why the Building Inspector sends the notice of delinquency. Huddleston stated the plan states it should be a written request and filed with the City Clerk. He stated would like to see the processes and procedures addressed to make sure they are followed.

Leffler: Leffler stated he has 3-4 people ask him about what the City decided to do about the lights in the Knebler Addition because it has been brought up but never been answered whether it is the responsibility of the City or HOA to fix. Huddleston stated he doesn't believe it is the City's responsibility to maintain their lights. Rawlings stated the fancy lights on Arnold are the HOA's responsibility. Leffler stated he would like to have staff address that with the HOA.

Leffler stated when you go into the West entrance into the Knebler addition there is a large coil of hoses there and asked staff to see who's that is so that it can get picked up.

Adjourn: At 7:47 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk