

CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2023  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on May 15, 2023, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Bob Bailey, Mike Huddleston, Eric Birk, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, and Ron Reavis. Council Member Jeff Brown was absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Jim Sutton, Ray Seif, Marc Cain, and Shawna Cortez. Visitors: Mac Martin, James Krstolich, Thomas Garrett, and John Littleton.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mac Martin, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 City Council meeting and May 8, 2023 City Council work session. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston voting in opposition.

Ordinance: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance #5 dated 5/10/2023. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

John Littleton, representing Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) was present to present Augusta Power Plant Operator Marc Cain with an award of excellence.

Staff presented a request from Heather Braungardt to use the Kerry Unrein stage on May 17, 2023 for the Davis Dance Recital. Richardson made a motion to approve Braungardt's request to use the Kerry Unrein stage on May 17, 2023 for the Davis Dance Recital. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Fiber to the Home Broadband Internet Presentation and Draft Ordinances/Agreements: Council received and filed a presentation from fiber to the home broadband internet provider Ideatek and reviewed and discussed draft franchise ordinances and pole attachment agreement.

Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2220 Granting to Ideatek Telcom, LLC, a contract franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in the City of Augusta, Kansas. Birk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Huddleston No, Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson No, Bailey No, Leffler No, Martin No. Motion failed.

Huddleston made a motion to direct staff to make the recommended changes regarding the reconciliation review cost reimbursement and pole attachment fee being revisited once full deployment has occurred and then present the updated documents to the Council at the next meeting. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis and Richardson voting in opposition.

Reavis made a motion stating the Council has a comfort level with Ideatek and allowing them to begin working with staff to obtain permits and have conversations regarding utilities. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried with Bailey voting in opposition.

Replace Cooling Tower Basin for Electric Plant #2 Generating Units W-1 and W-2: Huddleston made a motion to approve a quote from Rock Concrete in the amount of \$39,457 for replacement of the cooling tower basin for generating units W-1 and W-2 with the understanding that the Council may have to amend the 2023 Budget. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rental Program for Airport Tractor: Leffler made a motion to approve a 9-month trial rental program through John Deere for a tractor and loader attachment to be used for airport mowing in the amount of \$6,516. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Subordination Agreement and Utility Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with Butler County Rural Water District No. 5: Leffler made a motion to approve a Subordination Agreement with Butler County Rural Water District No. 5. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve a Utility Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ignite Augusta Funding Request for Garvin Park Electrical Improvements: Reavis made a motion to approve the funding request from Ignite Augusta in the amount of \$32,700 for construction costs for electrical improvements in Garvin Park to bring back the holiday lights display. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance No. 2221 Establishing an Equipment Reserve Fund for the City of Augusta, Kansas: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2221 establishing an Equipment Reserve Fund for the City of Augusta, Kansas. Martin seconded the motion. Roll Call: Huddleston Yes, Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Bailey Yes, Leffler Yes, Martin Yes. Motion carried.

#### Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Shaw stated the government competition bill referred to in the Budget work session was vetoed by Governor Kelly.

Richardson: Richardson asked staff if they could put the opening day of the swimming pool on the website and inquired if the splash pad could open early if the weather permits. Council consensus was to open the splash pad early, weather permitting. Shaw stated he would check to see if the splash pad was ready to be opened.

Leffler: Leffler asked if we could send a crew out to mow along North Ohio where the new grass is getting long and inquired about the soil erosion netting removal. Shaw stated that he would speak to the engineer regarding whose responsibility it is to remove that. He stated the last update he provided was that we were waiting on the documentation from the contractor regarding the core samples pulled as it was only verbally provided and we still have not received the written documentation.

Leffler inquired about the water fountain at the splash pad. City Clerk Erica Jones stated that Water Superintendent Brandon Green has stated that the fountain was not working so he removed it. Shaw stated he would check on that to see what was going on.

Leffler stated in the wastewater report it mentions using grey water for irrigating. Shaw stated that staff is exploring the use of grey water for irrigating, specifically the water from the splash pad and to see if that would be a feasible option.

Leffler welcomed Mike Martin back.

Martin: Martin stated he was glad to be back. He stated that the East side of the overpass is looking really good.

Adjourn: At 9:04 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk