

CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on June 19, 2023, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Bob Bailey, Eric Birk, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Jeff Brown and Ron Reavis. Councilman Mike Huddleston 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, Ray Seif, Susan Smith, and Shawna Cortez. Visitors: Pastor Paul Andrews, Shawn Davis, and Brian Coomes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Paul Andrews, Freedom Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2023 City Council meeting and the June 12, 2023 City Council Work Session. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance #6 dated June 12, 2023. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Subordination Agreement with Southwestern Bell DBA AT&T Kansas: Leffler made a motion to approve a subordination agreement with Southwestern Bell dba AT&T Kansas. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Easement Acquisition for Municipal Airport Project: Leffler made a motion to approve and accept a Right of Way Easement Purchase Agreement with Gregory Keiter in the amount of \$6,000 for easement to construct a cul-de-sac on 110th Street pursuant to requirements from Butler County. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award for Runway Reconstruction Project at Augusta Municipal Airport: Leffler made a motion to approve the airport consultant's recommendation to award the runway reconstruction project to the low bidder, Dondlinger Construction, in the amount of \$6,809,032.70 for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid No. 1 for the airport Runway 18/36 project, contingent on final approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and FAA grant funding. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve the submittal of FAA grant application for the project, and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute all subsequent documentation related to the grant. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Federal-Aid Fund Exchange Master Agreement: Leffler made a motion to approve a Federal-Aid Fund Exchange Master Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation of Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Augusta and authorizing Mayor Rawlings to sign the Agreement. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Richardson made a motion to schedule budget work session #3 for Monday, June 26th at 6 p.m. at City Hall, including presentation from API regarding economic development position. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis: Reavis asked staff to provide information to the public on how to access the live version of the meeting. Shaw stated staff would work on that.

Richardson: Richardson thanked staff for working with the contractor to resolve the electrical issue at the splash pad the day after he brought it up at the last meeting.

Bailey: Bailey asked if the tornado sirens work when there is a power outage. Ackerman said they have battery backups. Bailey asked why they were not activated this weekend. Ackerman stated the wind was not high enough and there was no rotation in our area.

Brown: Brown stated that the grass in front of Dollar General is nearly knee high and asked if staff could take a look at it.

Richardson made a motion to add an executive session to our agenda tonight. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Executive Session:

At 7:42 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 15 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 and City Attorney Andrew Marino. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 7:57 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 7:57 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 7:58 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk