

CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 1, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on April 1, 2024, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Eric Birk, Bob Bailey, Shane Scott, Kip Richardson, Shawn Davis, Jeff Brown, and Jake Marr. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Major Ray Marbut and Susan Smith. Visitors: Wayne Vogel and Richard Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Wayne Vogel, Church of Christ, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 City Council meeting. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance #3A dated March 27, 2024. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Richard Kennedy, representing Augusta Model Railroad Club, was present to give Council an update on the state of the club.

Brown made a motion to approve the request from Christ Lutheran Church to hold a Bake Sale on April 13, 2024 at Veteran Memorial Park contingent on the Church providing their insurance certificate. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director Reappointments: Richardson made a motion to reappoint Tim Johnson to serve as Director #2 and Josh Shaw as Alternate and to appoint Marc Cain to fill the unexpired term of Jim Sutton as Director #1 representing the City on the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Board of Directors. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Pontem Cemetery Mapping and Online Burial Search Software: Marr made a motion to approve the quote and Statement of Work provided by Pontem Software for the GIS Mapping of Elmwood Cemetery and the establishment of an Online Burial Search Website for a one-time cost of \$25,250 and one year of website hosting for \$1,885 for a total of \$27,135. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Richardson made a motion to schedule a work session on April 29th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the 2025 Budget and 1% sales tax renewal election. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rawlings: Rawlings acknowledged two long time City employees who recently retired. Rawlings recognized Jim Sutton for 34 years of service with the last few decades as the Electric Production Superintendent and Cleave Purdy for 22 years of service as an equipment operator in the Street Department, specifically as the street sweeper. Rawlings stated he appreciates their hard work and all the years that they served us.

Martin: Martin inquired about the status of the concrete work in the alley by City Hall. Shaw stated it is on the calendar, but he could not remember the date. He stated it is a priority on their work list and that he will find out when it is planned and share it with Council. Martin inquired about the work on State Street and asked about the sewer line being installed. Shaw stated he believes the utility work is done but he will check on the status. Martin stated that on the north side of Broadway just off of State Street, there is a property with a bunch of stuff in the front yard. Shaw will check with Code Enforcement to ensure this is on the list.

Scott: Scott followed up on the trash can with the bee issue on State Street. Shaw stated that staff started with cleaning the can. He stated the trash cans were part of the original streetscape project and there is a question about where to move it. He stated staff will look to see if there is somewhere else it could be moved.

Richardson: Richardson inquired about the Ring account charged to Brian Alfaro's credit card. Jones stated that Brian set up that account and was the only administrator so staff has not been able to change the credit card on the Ring account. She stated she was allowing this charge to go through then cancelling the card. She stated the issue will have to be resolved before the end of the year or a new Ring account will have to be set up.

Marr: Marr referenced the State Street Repair brought up by Martin and stated that they have reset the bricks and they have sunk down to where they were below. He stated he believes they did it themselves and didn't work with the Street Department on that work. Marr congratulated Jim Sutton and Cleave Purdy on their retirement.

Adjourn: At 7:39 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk