

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 10, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in a special meeting on May 10, 2024, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Bob Bailey, Shane Scott, Kip Richardson, Shawn Davis, Jake Marr and Jeff Brown. Council member Mike Martin was absent. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Kamme Sroufe and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Shawna Cortez. Visitors: Ron Reavis, Matt Lichlyter, Ruth Holiday, Adam Kraft, Kim Austin, Jim Beadle, Mari Beadle, and Luke McClure.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Mike Rawlings gave the invocation.

Business:

Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Transportation Alternatives Grant Application for Redbud Rail Trail Project – Phase II:

Luke McClure addressed the governing body and spoke against the trail project. McClure asked how much taxpayers are having to put into this thing. Brown stated that no local taxes have been spent on this project so far. Rawlings stated if we receive the grants there will be no local funds spent on the second phase of the project. McClure asked the governing body to put this to a vote. He stated if this goes through he does not want anyone on McClure property.

Ron Reavis, 803 Lakepoint Drive, addressed the governing body and spoke against the bridges included in this project. He stated that we are putting the future taxpayers of Augusta on the hook for the cost of the upkeep of the bridges and the trail.

Shane Scott joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Kim Austin addressed the governing body in favor of the grant application. She stated there are thousands of trail models that show if you bring amenities into town you will improve your amenities, people will build homes, bring families and businesses here, and increase your tax base. She stated there are counters that we put on the trail and in one year there have been over 135,000 users on the trail in Andover and Butler County. She stated that there is a large community here that supports this trail.

Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 authorizing submittal of Transportation Alternatives Grant application for Redbud Rail Trail Project – Phase II. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Agreement No. 008 TE-0508-01, No. 018-23: Brown made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Agreement No. 008 TE-0508-01, No. 018-12 removing the caps on state cost match for Redbud Rail Trail Project – Phase I and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 6:55 p.m., Brown made a motion to adjourn. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk