

CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on May 20, 2024, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Bob Bailey, Shane Scott, Kip Richardson, Shawn Davis, Jake Marr and Jeff Brown. Council member Eric Birk was absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Kamme Sroufe and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Anthony Craft, Levi Bell, Chris McNutt, Marc Cain, Shawna Cortez and Susan Smith. Visitors: Jayme Chapin, Mac Martin, Connie Thurman, Doug Law, Adam Kraft, and Trevor Rosine.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024 City Council meeting, April 29, 2024 City Council Budget Work Session #1, and May 10, 2024 City Council Special Meeting. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Davis made a motion to approve Ordinance #4A dated April 24, 2024 and Ordinance #5 dated May 8, 2024. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Trevor Rosine, Pastor at First Southern Baptist Church, was present to request Council's approval to hold Vacation Bible School Kickoff event at Dalton Palmer Memorial Playground from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2024. Richardson made a motion to approve First Southern Baptist Church's request to hold Vacation Bible School Kickoff event at Dalton Palmer Memorial Playground from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2024. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Jayme Chapin, representing Go! Augusta, was present to request \$600 in funding for prizes for the Spring Adopt-a-Pot competition. Brown made a motion to approve funding the Spring Adopt-a-Pot competition in the amount of \$600. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Jayme Chapin, representing Go! Augusta, was present to request changes to the Depot rentals. She provided information and stated it could be discussed more in depth at a future work session.

Director of Public Utility Tim Johnson Announced the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Platinum Level Award received by the City of Augusta. Mayor Rawlings presented a plaque to Tim Johnson and Electric Production Superintendent Marc Cain.

Business:

Nuisance Abatement Resolution for 400 E Clark Ave: Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-05 determining that a nuisance exists at 400 East Clark Avenue and ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances within ten (10) days as specified in K.S.A. 12-1617e. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

CTB Grant for Kansas Cannons: Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-06 authorizing the use of guest tax funds in the amount of \$3,000 for the Kansas Cannons. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Trade In and Purchase of Automated Refuse Vehicle: Marr made a motion to authorize staff to trade in the existing 2014 Peterbilt 320 refuse vehicle and approve the Sourcewell quote from Elliot Equipment Company to purchase a 31-yard New Way Sidewinder body with a 2025 Battle Motors chassis in the amount of \$336,857. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayoral Recommendations for Appointments to Boards and Committees: Richardson made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendations for appointments to boards and committees. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Park Advisory Board Appointments: Brown made a motion to approve the appointment of Jake Marr, Shawn Davis, Tim Cook, Krystal Jones to fill the four expiring terms on the Park Advisory Board. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Discussion regarding delaying the opening date of the splash pad at Shryock Park until after completion of the Castle Park rebuild.

Mayor Rawlings: Rawlings stated that volunteers for the Play Park build can find parking along the lake or the lot across the street next to Augusta White Eagle Credit Union if it is not muddy.

Richardson: Richardson asked if the pool can be opened on Saturday instead of Monday. Jones stated she believes it is always scheduled to open the Saturday of Memorial weekend.

Martin: Martin stated that there was alley work done at 3rd & Oak and asked if the property owner responsible for mowing to the center of the alley. Shaw said yes. Martin stated that concrete was poured roughly in the alley and the property owner is worried about damaging his mower. Martin stated there was also a slab of the concrete that was just placed on Oak Street.

Martin stated that at 2313 Crest there is a utility pole with three guide wires hanging loose in the back yard. He stated the property owner is getting ready to do some landscaping and wants to take care of it before he started. Shaw asked Martin to forward him the property owner's contact info.

Martin asked if there are any future expectations to take care of the potholes on Lake Road from approximately Lakepoint to the Play Park. Shaw stated it will always get to that point and then it will get repaired. He stated that is a side effect of the asphalt millings and storm water issues. Martin stated where the dumpster is at The Point, there is a big hole in the asphalt due to the trash truck .

Scott: Scott stated there is a banner downtown on the east side close to 5th Avenue where there is a bracket broken and the banner is flapping.

Davis: Davis gave a shout out to the Augusta Department of Public Safety for some training they did a couple months ago on Conex boxes. He stated the training was very impressive and recognized the advantage that we can do that type of training here.

Adjourn: At 7:52 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk