

CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 5, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on December 5, 2022, with Council Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Eric Birk, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Jeff Brown and Ron Reavis. Council members Bob Bailey and Kip Richardson were absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Ray Seif, Rob Cooper, Shawna Cortez, and Susan Smith. Visitors: Paul Andrews, Chuck May, Connie Thurman, Katherine Wallace, Rodney Wallace, Eric Grooms, Jim Weaver and John Goines.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Reavis made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21 2022 City Council meeting. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #11A dated 11/23/2022. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

John Goines, 410 Oak addressed the governing body regarding Kelly Modlin's property at 5<sup>th</sup> and Oak. Goines stated the property is being used by Dave's Towing and has become a scrap yard. He stated there are wrecked vehicles and previously three dumpsters full of dead cows and all of that needs to go. Mayor Rawlings stated that he appreciates Goines' concerns and that the City will take it under advisement. Rawlings stated this is a zoning issue.

Jim Weaver, 1126 SW Indianola, addressed the governing body regarding the Airport runway extension project and concerns he has written to Senator Jerry Moran about.

Business:

Resolution No. 2022-36 Adopting a Cemetery Fee Waiver Policy: Huddleston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-36 adopting a cemetery fee waiver policy with the following change to Section 1 "Upon request to the City Clerk, the City of Augusta...". Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2022-37 Fee Schedule Resolution: Reavis made a motion to approve Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2022-37 accepting the Airport Advisory Board's recommendation to update the fee schedule resolution for various airport fees. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Disposal of Surplus Airport Equipment: Huddleston made a motion to approve the sale or disposal of equipment no longer needed or used at the Augusta Municipal Airport in accordance with City policy for surplus equipment guidelines. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Cost Analysis for Beach Preparations at Augusta City Lake: Reavis made a motion to authorize staff to work with Flatwater Fitness Fun and Eric Grooms to come up with a plan to install a launch area at City Lake that is mutually beneficial at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 to the City. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2022 Utility Write Offs and Collections: Reavis made a motion to approve the write off of 24 utility accounts in the amount of \$9,219.45 and one Airport billing account in the amount of \$2,527.22. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Manager Employment Agreement: Brown made a motion to approve a new two-year city manager employment agreement with an expiration date of December 31, 2024. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Leffler: Leffler stated that the area of the new walkway along Ohio Street just south of the railing there is dirt that settled on the sidewalk. Leffler asked the City Engineer if the sidewalk is it too low? Engineer May stated that the problem is the erosion control and trying to keep mud and silt out of the drainage pipe, which is causing the dirt to go across the walkway. He stated that it would improve once the project is complete.

Leffler stated in Informational Memorandum there are three positions listed as open but the Airport Tech position is not listed. Shaw stated that staff conducted interviews but it didn't work out this go around. Seif stated he wants to wait a bit and reopen the position at a later date.

Adjourn: At 8:55 p.m., Leffler made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk