

CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on February 16, 2016, with Mayor Matt Childers presiding. Council present were Jason Lowery, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Tom Leffler, Mike Rawlings and Justin Londagin. Council members Paul Belt and Ron Reavis were absent. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Public Works Director Jaime Goering, HR Manager Makala Navarro, and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Belinda Larsen, John Black, Bob Sage, Eric Birk and Brian Alfaro.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Councilman Magruder gave the invocation.

Minutes: Londagin made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 Council meeting. Crum seconded the motion. Magruder stated that Rawlings gave the invocation at the February 1, 2016 meeting. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 2: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2 in the amount of \$469,612.56. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Makala Navarro, the City's new HR Manager, was present to introduce herself to the City Council.

Bob Sage from Rose Hill was present to discuss Elmwood Cemetery regulations regarding the prohibition on above-ground storage vaults. Lowery made a motion to grant an administrative waiver and authorize staff to not enforce the provision of code in this case for this one space. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler and Magruder voting in opposition.

Business:

Z2016-04 Final Plat for AppCon Addition: Magruder made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the AppCon Addition Final Plat produced by Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. for development located at 525 and 603 West 7th. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Electric Utility Easement in Support of Infrastructure Enhancements: Rawlings made a motion to accept a utility easement located at 430 East Broadway needed to support infrastructure enhancements. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Manager Shaw gave a presentation regarding the 2016 Legislative Session, including a discussion on the property tax lid currently scheduled to go into effect in 2018.

Matters From/For Council:

Reminder of the work session scheduled for February 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. to discuss charitable donations on City utility bills.

Lowery made a motion to add an agenda item for discussion/direction regarding previously submitted bids from Rusty Eck Ford for Community Development department trucks. Londagin seconded the motion. Childers stated staff recommended action is to reject the previously awarded bids and

authorize staff to rebid these vehicles. Leffler made a motion to reject the previously awarded bids and authorize staff to rebid the vehicles and to restrict Rusty Eck Ford from bidding on our vehicles for 365 days. Crum seconded the motion. Motion failed with Rawlings, Lowery, and Magruder voting in opposition and the Mayor breaking the tie.

Rawlings made a motion to accept the next lowest bid from Davis Moore if the bid is still valid and to extend budget authority for the purchase. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder made a motion authorizing staff to reject all of the bids and re-bid the trucks if the bid from Davis Moore is no longer valid. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Lowery and Rawlings voting in opposition.

Informational Memorandum:

Magruder: Magruder encouraged citizens to contact their legislators if they have any concerns about the legislative update provided by the City Manager.

Leffler: Leffler stated that Kansas Farm Bureau is sponsoring a breakfast with local legislators this Saturday at 7:45 a.m. at the Holiday Bowl.

Childers: Childers also encouraged citizens to contact their legislators and the Council as well if they have concerns or questions about the legislative update.

Londagin: Londagin inquired about a discussion that was previously tabled by the Council until School was back in session regarding the speed limit on Custer Lane. Londagin stated it was mentioned by the Planning Commission. Shaw stated there has been no direction from the governing body to revisit the discussion. Goering stated she and Chief Brewer discussed it because there was a request to raise speed limit on Custer Lane and to remove the stop signs. Goering stated staff felt it was an either or decision and that staff would recommend removing the stop sign not raising the speed limit. Childers stated the property owners were previously not in favor of raising the speed limit and recommended Londagin contact the property owners on Custer and if he is able to garner their support he should then bring it back to the council.

Adjourn: At 8:20 p.m. Londagin made a motion to adjourn. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk