

CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on April 18, 2016, with Mayor Matt Childers presiding. Council present were Cale Magruder, Jason Lowery, Jamie Crum, Paul Belt, Tom Leffler, Mike Rawlings and Ron Reavis. Council member Justin Londagin was absent. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, City Attorney Austin Parker, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Electric Utility Bill Webster, Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton, and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Belinda Larsen, Sarah Hoefgen, Mike Timberlake, Brian Prentice, Connie Thurman, Public Safety Officer Mat Meckel, Mark Chesney and Kevin Cowan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Cale Magruder, First Southern Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Magruder made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 Council meeting. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 4: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance 4 in the amount of \$316,324.33. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Connie Thurman, representing Downtown Augusta, Inc., was present to request permission to host a sidewalk chalk art contest in Downtown Augusta on May 7, 2016. Magruder made a motion to approve Downtown Augusta, Inc.'s request to host a sidewalk chalk art contest in Downtown Augusta on May 7, 2016. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Resolution 2016-15 Authorizing Redemption and Payment of Bonds for Lakepoint Nursing Center and Assisted Living Facility and the Sale and Conveyance of Property: Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-15 authorizing the redemption and payment of City of Augusta Taxable Industrial Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series A, 2005 and Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 and the sale and conveyance of certain property to Augusta Health Care, L.L.C. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution 2016-16 Authorizing Termination of the Hydro Power Pooling Agreement Contract with KMEA; Resolution 2016-17 Authorizing Execution of a Power Sales Contract with the United States of America Southwestern Power Administration: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-16 authorizing the execution of a termination agreement relating to the Hydro Power Pooling Contract dated January 1994 between the City of Augusta, Kansas and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-17 authorizing execution of a power sales contract with the United States Department of Energy Southwestern Power Administration. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Magruder made a motion to authorize staff to execute the letter designating Kansas Power Pool as our scheduling agent. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Update on Condemnation Process for Real Property Located at 347 East Main: Council reviewed the progress and provided staff with direction on how to proceed with the condemnation process for real property located at 347 East Main Street. Brian Prentice addressed the governing body and provided photos of the progress made on the cleanup. Prentice stated he could realistically complete the repairs in 6-12 months. The Mayor asked Officer Meckel if there were any concerns about the use or production of meth in the structure and future implications. Meckel stated the structure has been aired out and he didn't really have any concerns with regard to that. He stated that the drug activity at the property has appeared to stop. Mayor asked Prentice and staff to provide an update on what he has accomplished by the May 16th council meeting. Prentice stated he could do that. The consensus of governing body is for staff and Prentice to continue to provide monthly updates on his progress.

Bid Award for Demolition of Condemned Real Property Located at 636 North Santa Fe Street: Rawlings made a motion to approve the low bid received from Alan's Excavating in the amount of \$5,200 to demolish the structure located at 636 North Santa Fe and make the property safe and secure pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1754. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City of Augusta Field Usage Policy – Garvin Park: Reavis made a motion to approve the City of Augusta Field Usage Policy – Garvin Park between the City of Augusta and Augusta Little League Baseball. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution 2016-18 Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing for a Dangerous Structure Located at 606 East 12th Avenue: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-18 scheduling a public hearing for the condemnation of property located at 606 East 12th Avenue for Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Augusta City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution 2016-19 Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing for a Dangerous Structure Located at 326 North Walnut Street: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-19 scheduling a public hearing for the condemnation of property located at 326 North Walnut Street for Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Augusta City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 2093 Changing the Zoning District Classification for Property Located at 120 West Josephine: Rawlings made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Ordinance 2093 changing the zoning district classification from C-Commercial to R1-Single Family Residential for property located at 120 West Josephine. Reavis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yea, Leffler Yea, Belt Yea, Magruder Yea, Lowery Yea, Crum Yea, Rawlings Yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-20 Supporting the City of Augusta's Grant Application for New Trail Construction Sponsored by the Sunflower Foundation: Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-20 supporting the City of Augusta's submission of a new trail construction grant application for RFP#16-102 for Shryock Park. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution 2016-21 Replacing Resolution 2007-04 and Establishing an Airport Advisory Board for the Augusta Municipal Airport: Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-21 replacing

Resolution 2007-04 and establishing an Airport Advisory Board for the Augusta Municipal Airport. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Governing Body Appointments to Park Advisory Board: Lowery made a motion to appoint governing body members Justin Londagin, and Mike Rawlings to the Park Advisory Board. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Crum made a motion to appoint Jerramy Pankratz and Mike Ashenfelter and to the Park Advisory Board. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council:

Reavis made a motion to schedule a work session for Monday, May 9th at 7 p.m. to review and discuss plans for the El Dorado waterline project and Walnut River Diversion project. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayor Childers announced that the Wichita Business Journal selected Josh Shaw as one of the 40 under 40 class for this year. He stated there will be a gathering on June 15th to celebrate the 40 under 40 and that tables seating 10-11 people may be purchased. Childers asked that there be an item on the May 2nd agenda to see who would like to attend keeping in mind the number of governing body in attendance will need to be limited to avoid an open meeting violation.

Shaw stated it was previously contemplated to put the City's engineering services out to bid every three or four years. He stated that MKEC has provided the City's engineering services since 2012. Shaw stated this is a requirement if you obtain for certain Federal Grants. He stated we previously conducted interviews based on the RFQ's received and that a council member sat in on the interviews. Rawlings and Leffler both volunteered to sit on the interviews.

Informational Memorandum:

Reavis: Reavis inquired about a house in the 1700 block of Cron that was heavily damaged by a fire. Sims stated he is aware of it and the property owner has selected a contractor but there have been some issues. He stated he is continuing to watch it and if there is no progress it will come before council.

Leffler: Leffler reminded everyone to complete and mail the sales tax election ballot to the election office by noon on April 26th. Leffler stated he has been receiving complaints about people driving too fast around the lake and parking in the grass off the road leaving ruts. He asked that people respect the property.

Childers: Childers wished Belinda Larsen and Ron Reavis a Happy Birthday.

Rawlings: Rawlings stated the house at 1415 State has been vacated and the doors are off. Sims said he would look in to it.

Adjourn: At 9:14 p.m. Rawlings made a motion to adjourn. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk