

CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on May 15, 2017, with Mayor Matt C. Childers presiding. Council present were Jason Lowery, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Tom Leffler, Mike Rawlings, Justin Londagin and Ron Reavis. Councilmember Paul Belt was absent. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, City Attorney Austin Parker, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Belinda Larsen, Olivia Haselwood, John Black, Connie Thurman, Rick Neubauer and Mark Chesney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Rick Neubauer, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Leffler made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2017 City Council meeting and April 8, 2017 Budget Work Session. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 5: Londagin made a motion to approve Ordinance #5 in the amount of \$418,944.97. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Mark Chesney, Kansas Power Pool, was present to provide a regular update to the City Council on KPP operations and thanked the City of Augusta for their membership.

Business:

Update on Condemnation Process and Previously Scheduled Public Hearing for Condemnation of a Single-Family Residential Structure and Garage Located at 432 E Broadway: The Council received and filed a staff report regarding the condemnation process and previously scheduled public hearing for the condemnation of a single-family residential structure located at 432 E Broadway. No further action taken.

Resolutions Fixing the Time and Place for Hearings Concerning the Condemnation and Repair or Demolition of Various Structures Throughout The City of Augusta Pursuant to the Provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq: Rawlings made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-32 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, July 3, 2017 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a single-family residential structure located at 1205 N Hooper Street. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rawlings made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-33 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, July 3, 2017 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a detached residential garage structure located at 244 E 12th Avenue. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rawlings made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-34 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, July 3, 2017 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a single-family residential structure located at 347 E Main Street. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rawlings made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-35 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, July 3, 2017 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a detached residential garage structure located at 1117 N School Street. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance No. 2119 Amending the Zoning Regulations of the City of Augusta, Kansas, 2000, by Amending Chapter 5, Section 501.1 and 502.1 and Repealing Any Provisions of Such Zoning Regulations or Other Ordinances of Said City in Conflict with Amended Sections: Rawlings made a motion to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further consideration. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Cale Magruder: Front Yard Parking Ordinance – Magruder stated he had contact with a citizen who has been parking on a gravel driveway for the past 10 years who has now received notice that he has to have the vehicles removed from the driveway or he will be cited. He stated that the citizen understands the purpose of the ordinance but doesn't know what to do with his vehicles. Magruder stated he doesn't believe it was the intent of the governing body to displace citizens and their vehicles, especially when it is okay for a boat or RV to park on a gravel drive but not a vehicle. He stated he was not okay with that. Crum stated the next wave would be to remove the boats or RV's from those gravel roads. Londagin stated this guy has maintained his gravel drive where others have not and at the work session the council made clear to staff that they were not going to address RV and boats. Shaw stated there is a simple solution to the parking on grass issue, but what happens is this ordinance was crafted to address the parking on grass and the secondary concerns about what happens when they are required to move their vehicles or they put gravel in their yard so they can continue to park. He stated the requirement is to pave a drive. He stated that staff hinted that would be the case when the ordinance was began. Shaw stated this came in as a complaint so staff had to deal with that complaint. Crum suggested the ad hoc group meet again to discuss this. Londagin offered to remove himself from the group so that Magruder could join the ad hoc group. Rawlings stated somewhere in our original building ordinances it says that it has to be a concrete driveway and does not allow gravel, that it is not something new. Lowery made a motion to appoint Crum, Magruder and Londagin to a new ad hoc committee to review the front yard parking ordinance. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mike Rawlings: City Pool Passes – Rawlings stated that people purchased cards late in the summer and they were not able to use them because the pool closed early. Rawlings recommended making the memorial weekend a free weekend at the pool to make up for their inability to use the cards. Londagin made a motion to waive the fees at the Municipal Swimming Pool on May 27, 28 and 29th. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Sims provided an update on lifeguard recruitment for the municipal swimming pool. Sims stated the pool is set to open on May 27th. He stated they have issued 25 payroll notices but have only received 8 of the offers back. He stated the deck on the deep end of the pool has been treated with a non-slip material to prevent accidents on the wet concrete. He stated there is also an assistant manager position open.

Leffler made a motion to schedule the second 2018 Budget work session for May 22, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Augusta City Hall. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Londagin made a motion to schedule a joint work session with the Park Advisory Board for May 23, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Augusta City Hall to review concepts for Garvin Park restroom/concession facilities and provide consensus direction to engineers/architects. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder: Magruder stated he was asked about additional improvements to Garvin Parks including shade structures and concrete sidewalk between fields. He also stated he would like us to consider a free day at Santa Fe Lake as a good opportunity to get people out there.

Childer: Childers stated that the City is still looking for volunteers May 18th thru May 21st for the Play Park Point Rehabilitation.

Lowery: Lowery asked staff to look into putting a fishing dock similar to what was installed at City Lake to Santa Fe Lake. He would like the park advisory board to consider that.

Londagin: Londagin asked if we were considering changing the fishing at city lake from catch and release. Shaw stated we are waiting for the Kansas Biological Officer to come down to test the size of the fish and make a recommendation. Sims stated he would check with staff to see if a date has been set.

Londagin stated that the City of Wichita did an enforcement of parking on the street and said they allowed any authorized city employees to tag those, not just the police officers. He asked if we could review our code to see if others could be authorized, such as the code enforcement officer.

Executive Session:

At 8:15 p.m. Lowery made a motion to go into executive session for 45 minutes under the preliminary discussions of real property acquisition and attorney-client privilege exceptions to the Kansas Open Meetings Act for preliminary discussions relating to acquisition of real property for future expansion of city facilities and to discuss issues of potential legal liability deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Lowery asked that City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, and City Attorney Austin Parker join the Council in executive session. The governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:00 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:00 p.m. Lowery made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: at 9:01 p.m., Londagin made a motion to adjourn. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk