

CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on August 7, 2017, with Mayor Matt C. Childers presiding. Council present were Jason Lowery, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Paul Belt, Mike Rawlings, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Justin Londagin. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, City Attorney Austin Parker and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Belinda Larsen, Lisa Daniels, Kriste Goodman, Connie Thurman, Tom Palmer, Peggy Palmer, Lori Schmidt, David Miller, Myrna Rogers, Gary Rogers, Mike Huddleston and Sue Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Councilman Lowery gave the invocation.

Minutes: Belt made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2017 City Council meeting. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 7A: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance #7A dated 7/26/2017. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 7:03 p.m., Belt made a motion to recess for 5 minutes to see if the meeting audio could be fixed. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 7:10 p.m., the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Business:

Public Hearing to take Input and Comment on the Proposed 2018 Budget: Staff provided a report on the Proposed 2018 Budget. Council conducted a public hearing to take input and comment on the Proposed 2018 Budget.

Mark Sudduth, 405 Country Lane, addressed the governing body and asked the Council to consider not increasing the property tax. He stated that Augusta has one of the highest property taxes when all the taxing entities are considered.

Myrna Rogers, 1135 Euclid, addressed the governing body and read an obituary for Augusta. She requested no property tax increase.

Gary Rogers, 1135 Euclid, addressed the governing body and requested no property tax increase.

Peggy Palmer addressed the governing body, stating that Augustan's cannot afford more tax increases and she was concerned the City is circumventing the tax lid legislation.

Mike Huddleston, 1201 Ohio and a business located at 522 State, addressed the governing body. He stated there has been tremendous increases to the property tax from 2014 to 2017 and that Augusta already has a retail sales tax higher than those in big cities do. He stated it is becoming more of an impossibility to get businesses downtown and that there has to be a better way to do that.

Tom Palmer, 5 Flanigan Drive, addressed the governing body. Palmer stated that instead of raising taxes the Council needs to look at cutting things to help encourage people to move to Augusta.

Magruder made a motion to approve the proposed 2018 Budget levying \$3,197,550 in property taxes. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:03 p.m., Belt made a motion to recess for 10 minutes. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

The 9:13 p.m. the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Nuisance Abatement Resolutions for Various Properties Throughout the City of Augusta: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-41 determining that a nuisance exists at 111 East Main Street within the corporate limits of the City of Augusta, Kansas and ordering the removal and abatement of said nuisance. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award for Demolition of a Condemned Detached Residential Garage Located at 1117 North School Street: Rawlings made a motion to approve the low bid received from ABC Demolition Services in the amount of \$2,000 to demolish the detached residential garage located at 1117 North School Street and make the property safe and secure pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1754. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award for Demolition of a Condemned Single-Family Residential Structure Located at 347 East Main Street: Magruder made a motion to approve the low bid received from Alan's Excavating in the amount of \$3,500 to demolish the single-family residential structure located at 347 East Main Street and make the property safe and secure pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1754. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Update on the Condemnation Process of a Detached Residential Garage Structure Located at 244 East 12th Avenue: Staff provided an update on the condemnation process at 244 East 12th Avenue. David Miller, owner, addressed the governing body. Reavis made a motion to table any further condemnation action until September 5, 2017. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Update on the Condemnation Process of a Single-Family Residential Structure Located at 1205 North Hooper Street: Staff provided an update on the condemnation process at 1205 North Hooper Street. Magruder made a motion to table any further condemnation action until September 5, 2017. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Addendum to SRF Loan Administration Contract with Ranson Financial: Reavis made a motion to approve an addendum dated August 7, 2017 approving the name change from Ranson Financial Consultants, L.L.C. to Ranson Financial Group, L.L.C. in the City's KDHE SRF Loan for wastewater improvement Administration Contract dated February 29, 2016. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Addendum to CDBG Administration Contract with Ranson Financial: Magruder made a motion to approve an addendum dated August 7, 2017 approving the name change from Ranson Financial Consultants, L.L.C. to Ranson Financial Group, L.L.C. in the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration Contract dated February 29, 2016. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Reavis: Reavis stated that the WFO Car Guys thank the City and Community for their support of the annual car show.

Crum: Crum stated there are two large potholes as you exit Garvin Park.

Executive Session:

At 9:43 p.m. Lowery made a motion to go into executive session for 90 minutes to discuss matters related to an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) of the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Lowery asked that City Manager Josh Shaw join the Council in executive session. The governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 11:13 p.m. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 11:13 p.m., Lowery made a motion to exit executive session with no action being taken. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Engineering Services Agreements with Schwab Eaton for 2017 Street Sales Tax Projects; East Side Augusta Lake Road Paving Project; SRF Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project; and Garvin Park Restroom/Concessions Project: Reavis made a motion to approve an engineering services agreement with Schwab Eaton for the 2017 Street Sales Tax Projects in the amount of \$6,100; an engineering services agreement with Schwab Eaton for the East Side Augusta Lake Road Paving Project in the amount of \$6,100; an engineering services agreement with Schwab Eaton for the State Revolving Loan Fund Sanitary Sewer Improvement Projects in the amount of \$9,400; and an engineering services agreement with Schwab Eaton for the Garvin Park Restroom/Concession Project in the amount of \$6,100. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Londagin voting in opposition.

Adjourn: At 11:46 p.m., Londagin made a motion to adjourn. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk