

CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on September 5, 2017, with Mayor Matt C. Childers presiding. Council present were Jason Lowery, Cale Magruder, Paul Belt, Mike Rawlings, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Justin Londagin. Councilwoman Crum 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: Environmental Inspector Travis Combes, Belinda Larsen, Olivia Haselwood, Connie Thurman, John Black, Pastor Keith Cross, Kathy Cross, Johnna Smith, Ashlee Sims, Maddy Sims, Keaton Sims, Brooklynn Sims, Elmer Simon and Robert Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Keith Cross, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Leffler made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2017 City Council meeting. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 8A: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance #8A dated 8/23/2017. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Presentation of certificates and prizes to the 2017 Adopt-A-Pot Contest Award Winners: 1st Place Ashlee Sims, 2nd Place Johnna Smith, and 3rd Place Madrigal & Associates.

Business:

Proposal From Vogts-Parga Construction, LLC For Full Depth Crack Repair at Augusta Municipal Airport: Reavis made a motion to accept the Airport Advisory Board's recommendation to approve the proposal from Vogts-Parga Construction, LLC for full depth crack repair on the south end of Runway 18/36 as part of the Kansas Airport Improvement Program in the amount of \$78,685. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Londagin made a motion to approve the proposal from Alfred Benesch & Co. for construction engineering services in the amount of \$6,315. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Update on the Condemnation Process of a Detached Residential Garage Structure Located at 244 East 12th Avenue: Council received an update from staff regarding the condemnation process at 244 East 12th Avenue for a detached residential garage structure pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. Londagin made a motion to table further condemnation action until November 20, 2017. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Update on the Condemnation Process of a Detached Residential Garage Structure Located at 1117 North School Street: Council received an update from staff regarding the condemnation process at 1117 North School Street for a detached residential garage structure pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. Lowery made a motion to table further condemnation action until September 18, 2017. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Update on Business Items from the August 22, 2017 Park Advisory Board Meeting: Council received an update from staff regarding the Park Advisory Board's consideration to install gates around the north and west side of Augusta City Lake. Sims stated that the Park Advisory Board voted unanimously against installing gates at Augusta City Lake. Reavis made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Park Advisory Board not to install gates at Augusta City Lake. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler voting in opposition.

Rawlings made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-42 terminating the catch-and-release fishing restrictions effective October 1st, 2017 at Augusta City Lake for Walleye, Bass and Channel Cat while enforcing creel limits and minimum length restrictions as specified by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Londagin: Railroad Quiet Zones. Londagin stated he started looking into railroad quiet zones. He stated that quiet zones require you to increase the safety mechanisms for the crossings in town. Londagin stated that Derby is spending \$34,470 for a study to determine the cost and requirements for having railroad quiet zones. He asked if there is interest from the governing body in allowing Shaw to include \$35,000 in the 2019 Budget for a study. He stated there are state and federal grants available to help pay for the required improvements. Childers stated the hotel has contacted the city about quiet zones as well. He stated there are other communities in Kansas with established quiet zones. There was a consensus to continue this conversation in 2018 as part of the 2019 Budget process.

Londagin: EFA Adjustments. Londagin recommended a new EFA rate based on a three-year average so that the base rate increases but there are not as big fluctuations from month to month. He said if there is a month with a credit then there would be zero EFA that month and if the City ended up with more funds than needed at the end of the year then the credit would be divided up amongst the customers as a one-time credit on their bill. There was a broad consensus from the governing body to explore this in more detail at a utility rate work session.

Leffler: Leffler said the nails have yet to be picked up from the bonfire last week. Leffler stated there are ditches and properties at 5th and Grove owned by the City not being mowed. Leffler stated there are signs up about no fishing from bridges, but he cannot find anything in City Code that states you cannot do that. Shaw stated staff could provide more detail about that.

Leffler stated we need to budget money for cyber security. He said not just at City Hall because our water system and sewer system can be hacked. He also stated that all employee records, social security etc., are on our Human Resources computer. Leffler stated he would like to include money for this in the budget. He stated that while it is expensive, the consequences of not taking care of it is very expensive. He stated it is not just the security software, but also the training of staff. Londagin stated that there was \$500,000 lost by Sedgwick County because of a security breach.

Londagin: Londagin asked if the Street Dept. could look at Ohio from David to the north city limits. He stated that there are several potholes and it is deteriorating rapidly.

Executive Session:

At 8:00 p.m. Lowery made a motion to go into executive session for 40 minutes to discuss matters related to the performance of a nonelected City employee pursuant to the "discuss personnel matters of

nonelected personnel” justification for executive meetings under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), and to invite in City Manager Josh Shaw and City Attorney Austin Parker. The open meeting will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 8:40 p.m. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:40 p.m., Lowery made a motion to exit executive session with no action being taken. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 8:41 p.m., Londagin made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk