

CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 4, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on June 4, 2018, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Cale Magruder, Eric Birk, Jamie Crum, Paul Belt, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Justin Londagin and David Bates. Also present: City Manager Josh Shaw, Attorney Trisha Parker, City Attorney Austin Parker, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Visitors present were: Susan Smith, Kate Bosserman, Belinda Larsen, Connie Thurman, John Black, Bill Morris, Lisa Daniels, Kristie Sojka, Mara Hopkins and Wendell Corneil.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Belt made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2018 City Council meeting. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance 5B: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance 5B dated 5/30/2018. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Wendell Corneil, representing the Lions Club, was present to request permission to purchase and install flags and mounting brackets on light poles downtown. Bill Morris, representing DAI, provided an update on their downtown flag project. Crum made a motion to approve the request from the Lions Club to purchase and install flags and mounting brackets on light poles downtown and directed staff to work with the Lions Club and DAI to come up with a consistent bracket. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Kristie Sojka and Mara Hopkins, representing the Augusta Public Library, were present to request support of their Summer Reading Program. Magruder made a motion to approve their request of 200 daily passes to the Augusta Municipal Swimming Pool to hand out to participants in the Summer Reading Program. Bates seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Crum made a motion to approve the Augusta Public Library's request to close State Street from Shirley Ave. to the Library's east entrance for a block party on July 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. celebrating the end of the Summer Reading Program. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Update on Condemnation Process of a Single-Family Residential Structure and a Detached Residential Garage Located at 435 East 12th Avenue: Magruder made a motion to approve the demolition bid from Alan's Excavating in the amount of \$9,250 for the demolition of a single-family residential structure and a detached residential garage located at 435 East 12th Avenue pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Nuisance Abatement Resolutions for Various Properties throughout the City of Augusta: Staff announced that the nuisance at 250 East Main Street has been abated by the property owner.

Staff announced that the nuisance at 1307 North State Street has been abated by the property owner.

Fee Schedule Resolution: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-14 adjusting the opening/closing fees for infant burials at Elmwood Cemetery for any infant opening closing fee of zero for residents and \$100 for non-residents defining infant as two and under. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. Londagin made a motion to make the fee change effective January 1, 2018 and to refund any fees that have been paid since that date. Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Director Reappointments: Crum made a motion to reappoint Director of Electric Utility Bill Webster to serve as Director Representing the City on the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency Board of Directors. Bates seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: City Manager Shaw reminded the Council of the first budget work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m.

Magruder made a motion to schedule a ribbon-cutting event for the Dog Park in Meadowview Acres for Friday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Magruder: Magruder facilitated a discussion regarding boating on Augusta City Lake for non-Augusta residents. Crum made a motion to open the boat licensing up to the first 25 Butler County residents outside of the city limits and Augusta Township and to charge them a fee of \$100. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler: Leffler facilitated a discussion regarding utility easement maintenance and site restoration. Consensus from the council was for staff to look into options for contracting with a landscaping company for site restoration and report back to the council.

Leffler asked Shaw to look at the parking lot at Shryock Park and extending the cross walk all the way across, not just to the end of the parking stall. Leffler stated that at the north end of the lake the City dumped a bunch of concrete blocks and dirt and asked why. Shaw said he would have to look into that, but his initial thought is that it was done to prevent people from going further north to dump trash. Leffler stated there is a fair amount of boating going on at the lake and that it would be nice if the area where they are pulling the boats in and out would be graveled. Rawlings stated he was asked about that same thing. Magruder stated he has an issue with dumping gravel for vehicles to park when we are trying to address residents and gravel parking spaces.

Londagin: Londagin inquired about the previously mentioned stop sign request for Susan and Arnold.

Executive Session:

At 8:23 p.m., Crum made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss matters of potential litigation and legal liability pursuant to the “consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship” justification for executive sessions under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), and to invite City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, and City Attorney

Austin Parker. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 8:38 p.m.” Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:38 p.m. Crum made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 8:39 p.m., Bates made a motion to adjourn. Londagin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk