

CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on August 19, 2019, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Cale Magruder, Eric Birk, Jamie Crum, Bob Bailey, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Felicia Martindale. Also present: City Attorney Austin Parker, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Public Safety Bob Sage and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Susan Smith, Susie Geiger and Justin Basgall. Visitors present were: Troy Waltemath, Sarah Hoefgen, Andy Hall, Jamie Wise, Mike Stump, Jordan Buxton and Aletra Chaney-Profit.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Councilman Magruder gave the invocation.

Minutes: Reavis made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 Budget Work Session #4, August 5, 2019 Council meeting and August 12, 2019 City Council Special Meeting. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 8 dated 8/7/2019. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Troy Waltemath, representing the Mid-America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, was present to request police escort and traffic control services for their Flint Hills Bike MS event scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Crum made motion to approve the request from the Mid-America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for police escort and traffic control services for their Flint Hills Bike MS event scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Sarah Hoefgen, representing the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, was present to discuss an initiative to make Butler County an ACT Work Ready Community. Richardson made a motion to support the ACT initiative. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Andy Hall, representing the Augusta High School Booster Club, was present to request approval for a bonfire at the Augusta City Lake on September 4, 2019 for a Pep Rally. Crum made a motion to approve the request from the Augusta High School Booster Club to have a bonfire at the Augusta City Lake on September 4, 2019 for a Pep Rally. Martindale seconded the motion. Crum made a motion to amend the motion to include the snow cone vender. Martindale seconded the motion. Motion to amend the original motion carried. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

IT Services Proposal from TK Fast to Upgrade and Consolidate Public Safety and City Hall Servers, Email System, and Software: Magruder made a motion to approve the proposal from TK Fast for Public Safety and City Hall server upgrades, IT equipment, and Microsoft Office 365 conversion and software licensing for the estimated cost up to \$94,204. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Nuisance Abatement Resolution No. 2019-13 For 439 East Broadway Avenue: Crum made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-13 determining that a nuisance exists at property located at 439 East Broadway Avenue and ordering the removal of abatement of nuisances within ten (10) days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Resolution No. 2019-14 Requesting the State Director of Accounts and Reports Waive the Requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120A(a) for the City's 2019 Financial Statements and Reports: Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-14. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson made a motion to take a 10-minute break to return at 8:26 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:26 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Purchase of Airstream Pro Aerator for Demonstration Project at Augusta City Lake: Magruder made a motion to approve the purchase of Airstream Pro Aerator in the amount of \$4,200. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

North Ohio Street Road Construction Project: Discuss and provide direction to city staff regarding the North Ohio construction project. Magruder made a motion to approve Option #1 for a 2-lane reconstruction of failed roadways north of David combined with mill and overlay surface maintenance between Belmont and David with the removal of Shryock Park entrance relocation. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried with Birk, Magruder, Bailey, Reavis and Martindale voting in favor and Crum, Richardson, and Leffler voting in opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Reavis made a motion to schedule a work session for Monday, September 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Augusta City Hall to discuss city economic development strategy, staffing, incentives, and Neighborhood Revitalization Program with representatives from API, Chamber of Commerce, and DAI. Martindale seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Assistant City Manager: Reavis made a motion to schedule the canine swim event at the municipal pool for Thursday September 5, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Manager: Shaw requested the Council set an end date for the season for the splash pad. Magruder made a motion to close the splash pad the first Monday after Labor Day. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried with Bailey voting in opposition.

Magruder: Magruder reminded staff that we agreed to have an ad hoc committee to review the utility abatement process.

Leffler: Leffler stated he received complaints from those living north of him on the gravel road that the asphalt chippings are giving out and getting washboards and potholes. He said people want to know what we will do now. Shaw stated that we could re-work the gravel and put more chippings down. He stated that long term we need to look at the ditches and reshape them.

Leffler asked where we stand on County Road closure. Parker stated the agreement has been red lined with the County Attorney. He has a call scheduled with Wil Johnson tomorrow and will know

more tomorrow afternoon. Leffler asked where we ended up on how litigation would be handled. Parker stated he would find out tomorrow what direction the County chose to take on that, but regardless the City would be paying for any litigation. He said that information should be available for the next council meeting. Leffler asked Sims if that is the last missing piece for the Airport Project. Sims stated that is the one thing we are waiting for to move forward with the project.

Reavis: Reavis stated that the updated ordinance for boats on the city lake will be coming to the council for review the first meeting in September and that staff will be mailing the letters to those who attended the joint work session. Reavis asked if we would be making contact with the fisherman that attended the first meeting. Shaw stated that he intends to have the ordinance and fee schedule available and included in the letter that will be sent to everyone who attended the public meeting hopefully in the next couple of days.

Reavis stated that he has heard several complaints about high electric usage on current utility bills Jones stated that there have been a lot on complaints, but that there have been significantly high temperatures, near 100 degrees, for the last 30-45 days, which has caused the increase in electric usage. She stated there is no EFA on this most current bill, so the increase is based entirely on increased usage. Jones stated she expects an increased EFA charge on the next round of bills.

Reavis thanked the council and community for their support for Steaks on the Bricks.

Executive Session:

At 9:28 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss issues related to potential court litigation and legal liability related to the performance of a contract 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). Richardson asked that City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Attorney Austin Parker join the Council in executive session. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:58 p.m. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:58 p.m., Magruder made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 9:59 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Martindale seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

City Clerk