

CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 2, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on November 2, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Council member Mike Huddleston was absent. Also present: City Attorney Austin Parker, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Bob Sage, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: Eric Meyer, Nick Hoefgen, Angie Johnston, Katherine Wallace and Ross Vogel.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Rawlings gave the invocation.

Minutes: Reavis stated that Huddleston voted against three of the ordinances at the last meeting. Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2020 Council meeting as revised. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Crum made a motion to approve Ordinance 10A dated 10/28/2020. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Katherine Wallace, representing Flatwater Fitness & Fun, was present to provide an overview of the September 12, 2020 race event at Augusta City Lake and request permission to host another event on September 11, 2021. Crum made a motion to approve the request from Flatwater Fitness & Fun to host a race event on September 11, 2021 at Augusta City Lake. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

City of Augusta Housing Study and Needs Assessment: Reavis made a motion to adopt the final draft of the housing study and needs assessment prepared by Canyon Research Southwest, Inc. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition

Resolution 2020-20 Making Certain Findings Regarding the Need for Housing Within the City of Augusta and Designating an Area as a Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID): Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-20 designating various parcels adjoining the Lakepoint 6th Addition and Belmont Place 3rd Addition as a Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID). Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Presentation of 2019 Audited Financials: Eric Meyer, representing GBN, P.A., presented the City of Augusta's 2019 Audited Financial Statements and related documents to the Council. Leffler made a motion to approve the City of Augusta's 2019 Audited Financial Statements. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson made a motion to approve an engagement letter with GBN, P. A. to perform an audit of the City's 2020 financials for a not-to-exceed amount of \$18,975. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award for Furnace System Replacement at WWTP Headworks Building: Leffler made a motion to authorize an award to Central Consolidated, Inc. Wichita in the amount of \$24,983 for direct replacement of the heaters in the headworks building at the wastewater treatment plant. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Second Round Grant Award Recommendations for CDBG-CV Program: Richardson made a motion to approve the committee recommendation to award \$10,000 to Augusta Hotel LLC, \$10,000 to Camachos Handyman, \$25,000 to Village Decorative, and \$15,000 to King Buffet through the CDBG-CV Program. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Downtown Park Master Plan: Crum made a motion to approve the Park Advisory Board's recommendation to accept the master plan for the downtown park prepared by Schwab Eaton. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Acceptance of Pedestrian Access/Use and Utility Easement for the Property Owned by Community National Bank & Trust: Leffler made a motion to accept an easement for pedestrian access/use and utilities located along the south property line of Community National Bank located at 645 State Street to develop the lot behind Community National Bank in accordance with the downtown park master plan. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2020-21 Supporting a Grant Application to the KDOT TA Program for Lulu/Money Visually Separated Pedestrian Lane: Magruder made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-21 supporting a grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Transportation Alternatives program for construction of a visually separated pedestrian lane on Lulu/Money. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis and Slade voting in opposition.

At 8:34 p.m. Richardson made a motion to take a 10-minute break. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Crum voting in opposition.

At 8:44 p.m. Mayor Rawlings reconvened the meeting.

Mayoral Appointments to Main Street Design Committee: Magruder made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Connie Thurman and Shanna Goldenstein and reappoint Jayme Chapin, Mark McCollom, Bill Morris, Shane Scott and Aaron Wells to the Main Street Design Committee. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Special Alcohol Grants Ad Hoc Committee: Crum made a motion to appoint Richardson, Slade and Birk to serve on the ad hoc committee to review 2021 Special Alcohol Grant applications and make recommendations to the City Council. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Outstanding Citizen Recommendation: Staff and City Council extended their sincere appreciation to Michael Burch for thwarting an attempted vandalism at the Shryock Park restroom facility.

Richardson: Richardson thanked councilmembers Magruder, Slade and Huddleston for their extra work on reviewing the CDBG grant applications. Richardson stated there will be a Bridges out of Poverty training event next Monday at the First Baptist Church at 5 p.m. He also reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

Executive Session:

At 8:53 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Richardson asked that City Manager Josh Shaw join the Council in executive session when requested. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:38 p.m. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:38 p.m., Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 9:38 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk