

CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on February 18, 2020, with Council President Tom Leffler presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Felicia Martindale and Ron Reavis. Mayor Mike Rawlings was absent. Also present: City Attorney Austin Parker, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims, Director of Public Safety Bob Sage and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Susan Smith, Susie Geiger and Anita Riley. Visitors present were: Matt Ward, Brad Waller and Patricia Parker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, Augusta United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 Council meeting. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2 dated 2/5/2020. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors: Assistant City Manager Sims introduced the new City Planner Anita Riley.

Business:

Final Plat for Casey's Addition: Reavis made a motion to accept the Augusta Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Final Plat produced by SBB Engineering, LLC for the Casey's Addition located at the northwest corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bluff Street. Martindale seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Vaping Ordinance: Council reviewed and discussed a draft ordinance amending the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) by defining vapor products, prohibiting the possession of vapor products by any person under 21 years of age and establishing penalties.

Crum made a motion to approve Ordinance 2160 amending the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) by defining vapor products, prohibiting the possession of vapor products by any person under 21 years of age and establishing penalties. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis No; Richardson Yes; Huddleston No; Birk No; Leffler Yes; Magruder Yes; Crum Yes; and Martindale No. Motion failed in a tie.

Magruder made a motion to bring it up at the next meeting for further discussion. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston voting in opposition.

Bid Award for Police Vehicles: Reavis made a motion to award the purchase of one vehicle to Rusty Eck Ford in the amount of \$37,487 including trade. Martindale seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of WWTP Rovver Sewer Inspection Camera through Sourcewell National Purchasing Contract; Authorize the City of Augusta's Participation in HGAC Purchasing Contract and Approve Purchase of Easement Machine Through GHAC National Purchasing Contract: Reavis made a motion to approve the purchase of Envirosight Rovver X sewer inspection camera system utilizing

Sourcewell national purchasing contract. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to Review Special Alcohol Grant Applications: Magruder made a motion to appoint Reavis, Richardson & Birk to the Selection Committee to review applications for the Special Alcohol Grant program. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Agreement with Spohn Ranch, Inc. For Community Skate park Design-Build Services: Reavis made a motion to approve an agreement with Spohn Ranch, Inc. for community skate park design-build services for a fee not-to-exceed \$75,000 unless the budget is increased through fundraising efforts. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler and Reavis voting in opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Leffler: Leffler wished his wife a happy anniversary.

Birk: Birk stated he has received several complaints about sensors at the Kelly & Ohio intersection at night when there is very little traffic.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated he has received a few calls about people inquiring about maintenance of alleys. He stated he drove down the alley running East and West of Kelly Avenue between Dearborn and Ohio Streets and he had to drive carefully to not damage his vehicle. Sims stated that generally, the Street Department will maintain the roadway, but per City Code, it is the abutting property owner's responsibility to maintain vegetation in the alley to the centerline. Parker stated they are often maintained by the City voluntarily. Sims stated it is an evolving discussion on how to address it. Huddleston asked why the City could not turn the alleys over to the property owners and allow them to landscape them while the City still maintains an easement. Parker stated that there is still a level of access that is utilized and that there are drainage issues in alleys. Huddleston stated it is something we should talk about. Parker and Sims stated to direct anyone with questions or concerns about alleys to Code Enforcement. Richardson stated that some property owners have built garages where they have to maintain access to them from the alley.

Richardson: Richardson reminded everyone of the work session scheduled for Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss the Strategic Plan and Service Line Warranty Program.

Executive Session:

At 8:36 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes for preliminary discussions of the acquisition of real property for airport facilities pursuant to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). Richardson asked that Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Attorney Austin Parker and Brad Waller from Benesch join the Council in executive session. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:06 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:06 p.m., Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson made a motion to authorize staff to enter in to negotiations for the acquisition of real property south of the Augusta Municipal Airport based upon the price of the appraisal received from

Midwest Appraisals and Benesch Engineering. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 9:08 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk