

CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in a Zoom Meeting on April 20, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler, Bill Slade and Ron Reavis. 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, Shane Noland, Anita Riley, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Janet Vaughn.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Councilman and Pastor Cale Magruder gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020 Council meeting. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 4A dated 4/15/2020. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Janet Vaughn, 1924 State Street, addressed the governing and asked if the City has any regulations regarding the use of golf carts on City Streets. Shaw stated that at this time golf carts are not allowed on City Streets. Attorney Parker confirmed that section 114.14 in the Standard Traffic Ordinance prohibits them. Shaw stated that the Council had an opportunity to allow them in the past but chose not to do that at that time. Consensus was to discuss this at a future meeting when it could be done face to face.

Business:

Execute Contract for Services with Utility Safety & Design, Inc. (USDI) For Gas Pipeline Operations for Power Plant #2: Reavis made a motion to approve the "Contract for Services" with Utility Safety & Design, Inc. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Update to the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program; Resolution No. 2020-04 Authorizing Participation and Execution of Marketing Agreement: No motion was made with regard to this item.

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Director Appointments: Richardson made a motion to appoint Public Utilities Director Tim Johnson to serve as Director #1 and City Manager Josh Shaw to serve as Alternate representing the City on the KMEA Board of Directors. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Discussion/Direction Regarding Bluescope Construction Proposal for the Construction of the Solid Waste Division Building: Richardson made a motion for staff to bring bids back to a future meeting for final approval. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Shaw gave a presentation and discussion on COVID-19 impacts to the budget. Shaw stated he has received several more CDBG Grants and asked how the Council wanted those to be handled. Council consensus was to allow Shaw to determine eligibility based on the criteria used for the first round of applicants.

Shaw stated that staff has been holding off on a recommendation for the opening of the Municipal Pool for a decision from the Governing on the stay at home order. He said a decision will need to be made at the first meeting in May and even then, it would delay the opening until the beginning of June.

Shaw made a presentation regarding potential impacts of Covid-19 to the budget and options to offset those impacts. He stated that more information will be provided in the upcoming month.

Slade: Slade stated he had received comments regarding the compost site being closed and asked if it could be opened all 7 days since many people are home now and working on their yards. Shaw stated that those two days are used for staff to work with the materials and move them to make room for more material. He stated it has to be closed to the public during that time.

Richardson: Richardson asked if the Council needed to take action on the distribution of the remaining CDBG funds. Shaw stated that based on the discussion, he would be evaluating the applications in the order they were received based on the criteria used with the original applications.

Leffler: Leffler stated that the gate is off the hinges at Highland Drive and cannot be locked. Shaw stated he would get it taken care of.

Executive Session:

At 8:22 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 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 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 Zoom meeting at 8:37 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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

At 8:40 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 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 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 Zoom meeting at 8:55 p.m. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:55 Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement with Hinkle Law Firm in the amount of \$16,000 to begin condemnation proceedings on the 51.11 acres of land located at 12763 SW 110th, Augusta Kansas. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried with Birk voting in opposition.

Adjourn: At 8:57 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk