

CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 1, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in a Zoom Meeting on June 1, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. 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, Anita Riley, Shane Noland, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors Present: Larry Kleeman and Tracey Eberhardt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Rawlings gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Council meeting. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 5A dated 5/27/2020. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Public Hearing for Fourth Round CDBG Revolving Loan Program: Mayor Rawlings opened the public hearing. No one addressed the governing body with questions or comments. Mayor Rawlings closed the public hearing.

Richardson made a motion to approve a loan agreement with Tracey's Dream Weavers for \$6,300. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Public Hearing on Resolution No. 2020-09 Certifying Legal Authority and Authorization to Apply for CDBG-CV Funding From the Kansas Department of Commerce: Mayor Rawlings opened the public hearing. No one addressed the governing body with questions or comments. Mayor Rawlings closed the public hearing.

Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09 granting authority and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to submit an application to the Kansas Department of Commerce for CDBG-CV funding for economic development purposes to obtain up to \$300,000 in funding to make grants to small businesses to assist with reopening as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2163 Adopting the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Augusta, Kansas: Magruder made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2163 adopting the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Augusta, Kansas, providing for the repeal of certain other ordinances not included therein, excepting certain ordinances from repeal and saving certain accrued rights and liabilities and removing Chapter 8 Article 6 and Article 7 and amending Chapter 3 Article 1 Section 3-108(c) to read "...deemed prudent by the city manager, or his or her designee.". Reavis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Birk Yes, Magruder Yes, Crum Yes, Huddleston Yes, Leffler Yes, Richardson Yes, Reavis Yes, Slade Yes. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 2 & 3 for SCADA System at Wastewater Treatment Facility: Reavis made a motion to approve Change Orders 2 & 3 with Midstate Pipeline Maintenance for the SCADA system project at Augusta Wastewater Treatment facility in the amount of \$19,177. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2164 Providing for the Condemnation of Certain Real Property and Providing for Publication in the Official City Newsletter: Magruder made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2164 providing for the condemnation of 51.11 acres of land located at 12763 SW 110<sup>th</sup> Street denoted as "Parcel 2" on the boundary survey produced by Alfred Benesch & Company in support of the reconstruction of the runway at Augusta Municipal Airport. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Birk Yes, Magruder Yes, Crum Yes, Huddleston Yes, Leffler Yes, Richardson Yes, Reavis Yes, Slade Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Direction Regarding Utility Disconnects for Non-Payment: Council discussed utility disconnects for non-payment and the assessment of late fees. Huddleston made a motion authorizing staff to refund late fees assessed in April and May and extend payment arrangements on bills past due as of June 1, 2020 for up to six months. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Discussion/Direction Regarding Plan to Discontinue Residential and Commercial Recycling in Augusta: Council discussed the proposed plan to discontinue residential and commercial recycling in Augusta. Council consensus was to move forward with the proposed plan to end the recycling program and for staff to bring back a final plan and second cart fee recommendation to the June 15, 2020 Council meeting.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Richardson made a motion to schedule Budget Work Session #1 for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Augusta City Hall. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Shaw stated he received word from the League of Kansas Municipalities that the Truth in Taxation legislation has been passed and will be effective with the 2022 budget. Shaw stated it removed the property tax lid requirements and added a truth in taxation hearing process. He stated that it puts the authority back into the hands of the council and is more respectful of Home Rule.

Jones: Jones stated that she was contacted by the gentleman organizing the food truck events in the old Wal-Mart parking lot about having food trucks at Shryock Park during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event. She stated this is different than our events that are coordinated through a non-profit as a larger event. She stated they were willing to fill out individual event forms and that they would provide proof of liability insurance. Council consensus was for staff to check with Downtown Augusta Inc. and the Augusta Chamber of Commerce about sponsoring a food truck event during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event and if they are not interested in doing so to bring the individual event permit applications to the June 15, 2020 council meeting for consideration.

Sims: Sims provided an update on the status of the plan to open the Public Pool. Sims stated the baby pool will not be open and there will be no deck chairs provided. Crum made a motion to open the pool business as usual and let the pool manager judge the number of people that can be in there at a time. Motion died from lack of a second.

Crum made a motion to open the pool business as usual with an occupation limit of 150 people. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated there used to be an animal report available online and asked if that is still available. Shaw stated it is in the Safety Department's monthly report. Huddleston asked if there is a way to get a report on Santa Fe Lake permits and determine usage by citizens of Augusta and everyone else. Sims stated he could pull information from our software. Huddleston asked if staff could provide a status report on the progress of the El Dorado waterline. Shaw said yes. Huddleston stated he has been on the Council for five months and we haven't appointed anyone in that time period. Mayor Rawlings stated that is correct and that he and staff are working on the appointments. Huddleston stated the pump that was rented was still on the levy as of last Friday. Shaw stated the rental was cancelled on that Sunday but they didn't pick it up right away. He stated he would check on it.

Richardson: Richardson inquired about the status of Downtown Augusta, Inc.'s carnival downtown. Shaw stated they have cancelled that event.

Adjourn: At 10:40 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk