

CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in a regular session on August 3, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Jamie Crum, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler and Ron Reavis. Councilmen Cale Magruder and Bill Slade were 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: Pastor Paul Andrews, Mike Lewis, Angie Johnston, Dalton Patterson and Mike Stump.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Paul Andrews, Freedom Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020 Council meeting and July 21, 2020 Special Meeting. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 7A dated 7/22/2020. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Mike Lewis was present to request use of the Garvin Park Baseball Diamonds for the We Got Your 6 Slugfest Softball Benefit Tournament on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Crum made a motion to approve use of the Garvin Park Baseball Diamonds for the We Got Your 6 Slugfest Softball Benefit Tournament on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

A request was presented on behalf of Freedom Church for use of the stage in Garvin Park for a Sunday Morning service on September 13, 2020. Crum made a motion to approve the request from Freedom Church to use the stage in Garvin Park for a Sunday Morning service on September 13, 2020. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Richardson made a motion to add a second executive session at the end of the meeting tonight to discuss a non-elected personnel matter. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

CDBG-CV Grant Agreement Between the State of Kansas Department of Commerce and the City of Augusta; Discussion of Business Grant Review Process and Guidelines: Crum made a motion to approve Grant Agreement No. 20-CV-069 between the State of Kansas Department of Commerce and the City of Augusta for \$132,000 to be utilized for business grants. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Discussion of Business Grant Review Process & Guidelines. Reavis made a motion to have staff and Councilman Huddleston review the grant applications and make recommendations to the governing body for approval of the grants and to include Councilmembers Magruder and Slade in those discussions if they wish to participate. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Professional Services Contract with Canyon Research Southwest, Inc. for a Housing Study and Needs Assessment: Reavis made a motion to approve a professional services contract with Canyon Research Southwest, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to conduct a housing study and needs assessment for Augusta, Kansas. Crum seconded the motion. Council members Crum, Reavis and Birk voted in favor of the motion, Huddleston, Leffler and Richardson voted against the motion. Mayor Rawlings broke the tie and voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Master Plan Agreement with Schwab Eaton for Downtown Park: Richardson made a motion to approve a park master planning agreement with City Engineer Schwab Eaton in the amount of \$13,964 for creation of a master plan for the lot south of Community National Bank. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Consent to Assignment of Contract from Midland GIS Solutions to Surveying and Mapping, L.L.C.: Huddleston made a motion to approve the Consent to Assignment of Contract with Midland GIS Solutions for stormwater infrastructure mapping to Surveying and Mapping, L.L.C. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:22 p.m. Richardson made a motion to take a 10-minute break and resume the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:32 p.m. the meeting resumed.

Resolution No. 2020-14 Requesting the State Director of Accounts and Reports Waive the Requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120A(A) for the City's 2020 Financial Statements and Reports: Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-14 requesting the State Director of Accounts and Reports waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) with regard to the City's 2020 financial statements and reports. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Schedule a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on September 21, 2020 for the Purpose of Discussing Applying for a Loan from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment: Richardson made a motion to schedule and authorize publication of a hearing notice for a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020 in the Council Chambers as part of the requirements to apply for a loan from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment under the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Reavis: Reavis stated he received a couple concerns about the stop lights at the north and south bound streets along 7th Avenue and that they are staying red for a very long time. Shaw said we can check on it. Jones stated that she reached out to the Electric Department regarding the lights and they checked into it and it has appeared to be better this past week, but staff could reach out again.

Richardson: Richardson stated it has been about a year since the boat permit process for city lake was amended to allow for bigger boats. Shaw stated he has started receiving alerts that it has been a year. He stated that the open meeting with the residents worked well last time so it would be a good option to do again to gain feedback on what they have experienced this past year.

Huddleston: Huddleston inquired about the Council pay ordinance. Shaw stated he thought where we left the last conversation was that it was going to be changed to allow it to be changed by resolution and have it listed in a separate section on the pay plan and job classification. Shaw stated this would require the adoption of an ordinance that says it will be set by resolution. He stated that the

pay plan resolution hasn't been approved yet because you haven't approved the budget and that it doesn't make sense to approve the ordinance until the budget is approved.

Huddleston made a motion to have the job classification resolution and ordinance on the agenda at the August 10th meeting. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Crum: Crum stated that the north block of Euclid street, north of 12th Avenue is getting worse and settling after the gas company worked in that area. She stated that they patched the street but it has sunk. Sims stated he would follow up on this.

Leffler: Leffler asked if staff could provide pictures on how construction is going on our new Sanitation/Public works building. Sims stated he has pictures he will share. Leffler asked if the Planning Commission meeting video could be televised or made public. Leffler stated that we need to press the County to remove the bridge and the debris in the channel along the old railroad running through the industrial park. He asked for clarification that it was the County that is responsible for that. Shaw stated it depends on who you ask. He said we are now 100% confident it is not ours to maintain. Shaw stated that he reached out to the County Planning Director and that he confirmed it is the County's responsibility, so we asked him to go back to the County and ask them to get it taken care of. Shaw stated he would contact him again.

Executive Session:

At 8:48 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 20 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 Council Chambers at 9:08 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:08 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:09 p.m. Crum made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss staffing at the Augusta Municipal Pool pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Crum asked that City Manager Josh Shaw and Assistant City Manager Cody Sims join the Council in executive session. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:24 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:24 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Shaw stated that we were unable to open the pool due to staffing shortage. He said we were scheduled to close the pool on August 9th, but Staff recommends closing the pool now and honoring the 2020 punch passes next year. He recommended that any swimming lessons or parties that were cancelled due to the pool being closed be refunded. Richardson made a motion to close the swimming pool immediately for the rest of the year, honor unused 2020 punch passes in 2021 and refund fees for lessons and parties cancelled due to the pool being closed from July 31st to August 9th. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 9:25 p.m., Leffler made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk