

CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on September 21, 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, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, Jennifer Wilson, Rosemary Saunders, Mike Stump, Ross Vogel, Angie Johnston, Nick Hoefgen, Bill Morris, Dalton Patterson, Eric Grooms, Lora Grooms and David Rapp.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 Council meeting. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 9A dated 9/16/2020. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Jennifer Wilson, 2002 Loomis Drive, was present to request use of the stage in Garvin Park for a musical performance. Richardson made a motion to approve use of the Garvin Park stage by Gabe Wilson on October 17, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and to waive insurance requirements and the \$35 stage rental fee. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Business:

Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Approval of Resolution No 2020-18 Authorizing Completion of an Application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for a Loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund for Water Meters, Advanced Water Metering and State Street Water Tower Rehabilitation: Mayor Rawlings opened the public hearing. The public hearing was closed after no one came forward to address the Governing Body.

Crum made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-18 authorizing execution of a loan application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF) for the purpose of financing water meters, water system Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and rehabilitation of the State Street water tower. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston voting in opposition.

Agreement with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. for Civil Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of State Street Water Tower: Leffler made a motion to approve a Scope of Services agreement in the not-to-exceed amount of \$64,700 with Schwab-Eaton, P. A. for professional engineering services for the purpose of completion of the State Street Water Tower Rehabilitation Project. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2020-19 in Support of an Application for the Moderate-Income Housing (MIH) Grant Program in Partnership with RSH Holdings, Inc.: Developer Ross Vogel addressed the Governing Body and spoke to the need for affordable housing and the process being proposed.

Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-19 authorizing submittal of an application to the Kansas Housing Resources Commission (KHRC) for the Moderate-Income Housing (MIH) grant program. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

First Round Grant Award Recommendations for CDBG-CV Program: Richardson made a motion to approve of committee grant award recommendations to Candiles Mexican Restaurant in the amount of \$20,000 and Donut Palace in the amount of \$10,000 and authorize staff to submit the recommendations for award and documentation to the State of Kansas for approval. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

KDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Lulu/Money Sidewalk Project: Richardson made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the application for the KDOT Transportation Alternatives Programs for the construction of a visually separated pedestrian lane on Lulu/Money Street. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis and Slade voting in opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Asst. to the City Manager Susie Geiger: Geiger presented a report on the feedback survey about the boat motor restrictions pilot program at City Lake. Slade made a motion to continue the current program with the same permit fee and to increase the number of permits to 35. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. Council consensus was to extend the current permits until December 31, 2020 and begin issuing annual permits on January 1st.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated that the Animal Control Officer report is not in the Council packet. Sims stated he will make sure it is in the next one.

Reavis: Reavis asked there was a change to the traffic light sequencing at the Kelly/Ohio intersection. He stated that Kelly seems to be the priority instead of Ohio. Shaw stated that he was not aware of anything but he will check with staff.

Richardson: Richardson asked if there are parking regulations about parking in the grass at Garvin Park. Shaw stated there is no parking on the grass. Richardson stated there is no signage regarding parking in the grass. Richardson asked if staff has received a second request from Freedom Church to hold a service in Garvin Park on September 27th. Shaw stated that he does not think they have submitted an event form yet. Richardson stated he saw something on social media about another upcoming event.

Asst. City Manager Cody Sims: Sims stated he was contacted by a teacher at Augusta High asking if the City would allow a class of 26 students to fish at the City Lake and waiving the permit fee for the approximately 10 students that would require a permit. Sims stated that last year on September 3rd the same request was presented to the Council and that it was approved to waive the city permit fee but still require the state permit. Reavis made a motion to approve the request and waive the City permit fee. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder and Leffler voting in opposition.

At 9:12 p.m. Huddleston mad a motion to recess for 10 minutes. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

At 9:22 p.m. Richardson to reconvene the regular meeting. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Executive Session:

At 9:24 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes for discussion of pending court actions pursuant to the consultation with an attorney for matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Richardson asked that City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and Legal Counsel from Hinkle Law Firm join the Council in executive session. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 9:54 p.m. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:54 p.m., Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve the award of the land acquisition at the southeast corner of SW 110th Street and Indianola Rd for the reconstruction of the runway at the Augusta Municipal Airport in the amount of \$695,000 plus appraiser fees in the amount of \$9,000 for a total land acquisition cost of \$704,000. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Huddleston voting in opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve legal fees owed to Hinkle Law Firm for legal representation of the City during the condemnation process in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 9:56 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk