

CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in a regular session on September, 2020, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Mike Huddleston, Kip Richardson, Tom Leffler, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Councilwoman Jamie Crum was 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, Justin Basgall, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors Present: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, Eric Grooms, Lora Grooms, Angie Johnston.

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 August 17, 2020 Council meeting and August 31, 2020 Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Appropriation Ordinance: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance 9 dated 8/18/2020. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Proclamations:

Mayor Rawlings read a proclamation recognizing October 4th – 10th as Public Power Week.

Visitors:

Angie Johnston Eric Grooms, and other community representatives were present to provide an update on a potential housing subdivision in the Belmont Addition related to the Moderate-Income Housing Grant and RHID housing initiatives being considered by the City Council.

Business:

Administrative Services Agreement with Ranson Financial Group, LLC for KDHE Revolving Loan for Advanced Metering System and State Street Water Tower Rehabilitation: Magruder made a motion to approve an administrative services agreement with Ranson Financial Group for the purpose of obtaining and administrating a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF) for the purpose of financing water system Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and rehabilitation of the State Street water tower. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

8:20 p.m. Magruder made a motion to recess for 10 minutes. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. Council will reconvene at 8:30 p.m.

Nuisance Abatement Resolutions for Various Properties Throughout the City of Augusta: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-17 determining that a nuisance exists on private property located at 804 West Clark Avenue and ordering the removal and abatement of identified nuisances within ten (10) days as specified by K.S.A. 12-1617e. Magruder seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2020 Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2169 incorporating into City Code the 2020 Edition of the UPOC with section 10.29 removed. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Huddleston Yes, Birk Yes, Magruder Yes, Leffler Yes, Slade Yes. Motion carried.

Safety Department Video System Bids: Reavis made a motion to approve the bid from Sound Products, Inc. in the amount of \$35,727.11 for the replacement of the video system for the Public Safety facility. Richardson seconded the motion. Reavis withdrew his motion. Richardson withdrew his second.

Richardson made a motion to approve the bid from 4PC in the amount of \$37,350.15 for the replacement of the video system for the Public Safety facility. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Mayoral Appointment to Augusta Public Library Board: Slade made a motion to approve the Library Board's recommendation to appoint Ben Parrish to the vacant seat on the Augusta Public Library Board. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Governing Body Appointment of Members to Serve on the Park Advisory Board: Reavis made a motion to appoint Jayme Chapin to fulfill the unexpired term of Sasha Lawson on the Park Advisory Board and to appoint Robert Bailey, Shawn Davis, and Andy Hall to fill the upcoming openings on April 1, 2021 on the Park Advisory Board. Richardson Seconded the motion. Motion carried with Magruder voting in opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Rawlings: Rawlings stated he has sent letters out to help fill the appointments to Planning Commission.

City Manager Shaw: Discuss conversations with KDOT about developing a pedestrian lane project within the street right-of-way on Money/Lulu. Shaw stated the CDBG grant is capped at \$500,000 and the estimate from the City Engineer for this project is in excess of that and would require funding from the City in the amount of at least \$250,000 before we could apply for the CDBG grant. Shaw stated staff has mentioned applying for a Transportation Enhancement grant as part of the Safe Routes to School for the sidewalk project. He stated that KDOT has reached out to the City and made some suggestions to our application and asked if we have considered a separated pedestrian pathway as opposed to a sidewalk project. Shaw said that KDOT stated they are trying to encourage these types of projects in communities our size because they would like to have a demonstration project and they may have funding available now to help put that in. Shaw stated he wanted to ask the Council how they would feel about submitting the concept paper of a separated lane as opposed to a sidewalk. He stated it will be significantly cheaper than the project we were looking at previously. Council consensus was to send a second concept paper for the project and continue the discussion with KDOT.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated that the month end financial report under revenue overview for electric fees states that it is down 20% due to colder temps in 2017. Jones stated that was an error.

Richardson: Richardson asked if anything has been done about the removal of shipping/storage containers on private property, specifically asking for 1 Shamrock Lane. Parker said it depends on how they are defined, either as a structure or a portable storage unit, how we can move forward with removing them. Richardson asked if it becomes city code if can we address those that were pre-existing. Parker said yes. Richardson stated there are several pot holes on Lake Road, and asked staff to take a look at those.

Birk: Birk stated that the gentleman who addressed the governing body about putting the oil on Ohio Street said it would not have an impact on the striping, but the striping does not appear to be as vibrant as it was.

Leffler: Leffler stated that the County said they would resurface and widen Ohio from Highway 254 to 70th Street, but that he hopes they will extend that to the Augusta city limits. Richardson said spoke to County Commissioner Murphy about that and he said they hadn't talked about city limits but that he would bring that up.

Shaw: Shaw stated that after an additional review of the proposals from Vogts-Parga and Rock Concrete for the Santa Fe sidewalk project, Rock Concrete is now considered to be the low bidder. Leffler said his motion was to award it to the low bidder so he would be ok with awarding it to Rock Concrete. The Council agreed with awarding the Santa Fe sidewalk project to Rock Concrete.

Executive Session:

At 9:51 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes for preliminary discussions of the acquisition of real property for public works facilities and 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 10:06 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:06 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 10:07 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk