

CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on January 18, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Councilman Mike Huddleston was absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: Mark Chesney, Aubrey Dieter, Jayden Urban, Nathan Ebenkamp, Jeremiah Schaefer, William McNew, Hunter Smith, John Kaat, Josh Ebenkamp and Eli King.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor and Council member Cale Magruder gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021 Council meeting. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 12B dated 12/28/2020, Ordinance 12C dated 12/30/2020 and Ordinance 1 dated January 6, 2021. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Mark Chesney, Kansas Power Pool, addressed the governing body. Chesney thanked the governing body for their participation in the Kansas Power Pool and announced that the City's Public Utilities Director Tim Johnson was elected to the KPP Board of Directors last month. He also stated that at last month's meeting the board approved a rate for 2021 in the amount of \$66.68 per megawatt hour. Chesney stated that KPP cannot do what it does without the City of Augusta's help, along with their other members.

Business:

Resolution 2021-03 Scheduling a Public Hearing for Close-Out of CDBG-CV Grant Program: Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 scheduling a Public Hearing on February 1, 2020 at 7 PM as part of the close-out process for the CDBG-CV Grant Program, as required by the Kansas Department of Commerce. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Amendment to the Augusta, Kansas Welcome Center Operating Agreement Between the City of Augusta and the Augusta Chamber of Commerce: Crum made a motion to approve an amendment to the Augusta, Kansas Welcome Center Operating Agreement raising the percentage of meeting room rental fees paid to the Chamber of Commerce from 10 to 20% and removing the word "recycling" from the list of utility costs paid by the City. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Scope of Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. for a Safety Inspection of the Santa Fe Lake Dam: Reavis made a motion to approve the Scope of Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. to perform a safety inspection of the Santa Fe Lake Dam as required by the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources at a cost of \$6,200.00. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Shaw reminded the Council of the Strategic Retreat for the 2022 Budget Year occurring in two parts on Monday, January 25th at 6 p.m. and Saturday January 30th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Reavis: Reavis asked if there is any interest from Council to develop a council meeting attendance policy for council members. He stated that if you are elected to an office you have a duty to attend the meetings. He stated this has been an issue a couple times where members have missed meetings. Shaw stated from an ethics perspective the council has not adopted a code of conduct. He stated that some cities try to manage it through the pay, by paying per meeting you attend. City Attorney Andrew Marino stated the council could adopt an attendance policy or code of conduct that includes an attendance policy. He stated he would look in to what options the council could consider. Leffler stated it has been discussed in the past and would be worthwhile to see what ideas or options are available.

Reavis inquired about the truck route on Ohio Street. He asked if the City has looked at a better way of marking that there are no trucks allowed on Ohio past 70th. He stated there is only one small sign and it doesn't appear to mark the route very well. Shaw stated staff would look at our existing signage to see if we have maximized our options with the Federal signage regulations. Reavis stated he wants to make sure the truck drivers are getting enough warning that trucks are prohibited.

Richardson: Richardson offered his condolences to the family of Larry Hart, a retired Power Plant employee, who recently passed away.

Leffler: Leffler reminded everyone that the second Council meeting in February will be on a Tuesday due to the President's Day holiday.

Adjourn: At 7:40 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk