

CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on February 1, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Councilmembers Jamie Crum and Mike Huddleston were absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Utility Tim Johnson and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Rawlings gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2021 Council meeting and January 25, 2021 Strategic Retreat. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 1A dated 1/20/2021. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Conduct a Public Hearing for Close-Out of CDBG-CV Grant Program: The Mayor opened the public hearing to take public comment on the performance of Grant No. 20-CV-069 as part of the grant close-out procedures for the City of Augusta CDBG-CV grant program. The Mayor closed the public hearing after no one came forward to provide comments.

Richardson made a motion to authorize the submittal of close-out documents to the Department of Commerce for Grant NO-CV-069. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Bid Award to Replace the Water Division $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Work Truck: Leffler made a motion to approve the low bid submitted by the Winfield Motor Company in the amount of \$30,523 for the purchase of a 2021 Ram 3500 Crew Cab 4x4 1-ton pick-up truck for the Water Division. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Reavis: Reavis asked how long does staff anticipate City Hall will remain closed to the public. Sims stated he will talk to Shaw and get back with the Council on that.

Leffler: Leffler reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday February 16th due to the President's Day holiday.

Magruder: Magruder stated that at the last strategic retreat there was discussion regarding the formation of an Ad-hoc committee to review the utility abatement program and make recommendations to the Council. Leffler made a motion to appoint Magruder, Reavis and Rawlings to an Ad-hoc committee to review the utility abatement program. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Assistant City Manager: Sims stated there was discussion regarding scheduling a final work session to complete the strategic retreat discussions. Richardson made a motion to schedule a Strategic Plan work session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Executive Session:

At 7:20 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss issues related to pending court action pertaining to an eviction and to discuss potential legal liability related to the performance of a contract pursuant to the “consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship” justification for executive sessions under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), and to invite in Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Attorney Andrew Marino. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 7:30 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 7:30 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 7:30 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk