

CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on February 16, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Cale Magruder, Jamie Crum, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson and Ron Reavis. Councilmembers Mike Huddleston and Bill Slade were absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, 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 and Susie Geiger. Visitors present were: Latasha Harder, Rod Davis, Maggie Davis, Rose Mary Saunders, Phil Hostetter, Curtis Everett, Ronald Ferris, Brooke Lenhardt and Mark Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Rawlings gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2021 Strategic Retreat and February 1, 2021 City Council Meeting. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2 dated 2/3/2021. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Magruder made a motion to approve the use of Elmwood Cemetery for the 2021 Wreathes Across America event. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Crum made a motion to approve the request from Augusta Little League Baseball to use the fields at Garvin Park for three baseball tournaments this spring/summer and Fall Ball starting in August. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Fee Schedule Resolution no. 2021-04; Fee, Adjustments and Operational Changes at Santa Fe Lake: Ron Ferris 12251 SW Horseshoe Trail Road in Andover. Ferris conveyed his concern about no wake zones being dangerous due to carbon monoxide buildup and stated that a 9-year-old died in Broken Arrow as a result.

Brooke Lenhardt, from Wagon Wheel in Andover, addressed the governing body as one of the 10 jet ski permit holders. She stated she would not like to see the Council do away with the jet skis entirely.

Carrie Graham, from Wagon Wheel in Andover, addressed the governing body and stated the lake is the same lake and hasn't changed since the 1960's. She stated we know the shallow parts of the lake and where the fallen trees are. Graham stated the Wagon Wheel people help maintain it and use the lake to relax. She stated the paddle board and kayakers are using the river and gawking at it and loving it. She stated it is exciting to see that again, but she doesn't want to take away the privilege that people have to fish, boat, jet ski and cater just to the paddle boarders and kayakers. She stated the purpose of the lake is for everyone to enjoy it.

Magruder made a motion to approve Fee Schedule Resolution 2021-04 implementing the Park Advisory Board's recommendation to make various fee schedule adjustments and operational changes at Santa Fe Lake. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Ordinance No. 2172 Authorizing a Loan Agreement with the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund for Water Meters, Advanced Water Metering (AMI) and State Street Water Tower Rehabilitation: Crum made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2172 authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between Augusta, Kansas and the State of Kansas for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF) for the purpose of financing a public water supply project; establishing a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the loan agreement. Reavis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Crum Yes, Leffler Yes, Magruder Yes. Motion carried.

Agreement with Rose Mary Saunders of Ranson Financial Group, LLC for the Completion of Door to Door Survey Services for the Purpose of Submitting to the CDBG Grant Program: Leffler made a motion to approve the proposed agreement with Rose Mary Saunders of Ranson Financial Group, LLC for the completion of door to door survey services as part of the eligibility requirements for submitting to the Kansas CDBG Grant Program. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Police Vehicle Purchase: Richardson made a motion to approve the low bid for two (2) 2021 Ford Explorer police vehicles to Rusty Eck Ford in the amount of \$55,258. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Lidar Mapping Proposal for 600 Acres of Flood Prone Areas in the Southwest Quadrant of Augusta: Crum made a motion to approve the proposal from SAM, LLC (formerly Midland GIS) to gather Aerial LiDAR mapping data for 600 acres of land in the southwest quadrant of Augusta for a fee of \$15,500. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Solid Waste Dumpster Rate Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2173 establishing rates and charges for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse within the City of Augusta, specifically related to dumpster rates and charges. Crum seconded the motion. Roll Call: Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Crum Yes, Leffler Yes, Magruder No. Motion carried.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Reminder of upcoming work session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to wrap up conversations from the Strategic Retreat for the 2022 Budget Year.

Sims: Sims provided a status update of projects at the Municipal Airport.

Johnson: Johnson provided an update on Public Utilities and the production of electric utility, specifically during the current weather event.

Richardson: Richardson inquired about the status of the boat dock for the north side of the City Lake. Sims stated the biggest issue is the depth. Sims stated he is not saying it cannot be done, but there will be challenges to overcome.

Richardson asked if there is any way to input an audit or quality control aspect into utility billing charges to reduce error if we can. Jones stated there are quality control steps in place where one person inputs the changes and someone else verifies the changes, but that both missed the error this

time. She stated that she is also looking at ways to automate the annual rate changes to limit the amount of physical changes that have to be made and that should reduce opportunity for error.

Executive Session:

At 9:08 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss issues related to 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 City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Attorney Andrew Marino. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 9:53 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:53 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 9:54 p.m., Leffler made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk