

CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on June 21, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Jake Marr, Jamie Crum, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Councilmember 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, Travis Combes, Jim Sutton, Dave Warner, and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Mark Sudduth, Caitlyn Sudduth Brazell, Derek Chilcott, Scott Hill, Richard Kennedy, Jeff Halliwill, Kim Krull, Brad Reynolds, and Tiya Tonn.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Brad Reynolds, Freedom Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting, June 7, 2021 KPP Distributed Generation Work Session, and June 14, 2021 Budget Work Session. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #6 dated 6/9/2021. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Kim Krull, representing Butler Community College, was present to speak to the City Council about the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act recently passed by the Kansas Legislature. Krull stated that this is an amazing opportunity for students in Kansas and that additional information on the scholarship is on the Butler Community College website.

Business:

Request for Reinstatement into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program: Leffler made a motion to reinstate 441 East 15th Avenue into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Derek Chilcott, 911 Sandalwood Circle, addressed the governing body. Leffler made a motion to reinstate 911 East Sandalwood Circle into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Angie Johnston, representing API and Frisco Shops, LLC. addressed the governing body. Richardson made a motion to reinstate 614 North State Street into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Reavis seconded the nomination. Motion carried with Leffler and Birk voting in opposition.

Resolution 2021-07 Fixing Time and Place for Hearings Concerning the Condemnation and Repair or Demolition of Structures Located at 926 North Lulu Street Pursuant to the Provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 Et Seq: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, August 16, 2021, at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of a multi-family residential structure located at 926 North Lulu Street. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Acceptance of an Electric Utility Easement at Lot 1 of Casey's Addition: Leffler made a motion to approve and accept the electric utility easement on Lot 1, Block A of Casey's Addition. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

FAA AIP Grant Agreement for Design/AGIS Survey Services for the Reconstruction of Runway 18-36 at Augusta Municipal Airport: Richardson made a motion to approve the design services grant agreement for AIP Project No. 03-20-0006-021-2021 and authorize Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Attorney Andrew Marino to sign the agreement. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayoral Appointments to the Augusta Public Library Board: Slade made a motion to approve the Library Board's recommendation to appoint Tonie Apel to Augusta Public Library Board for a four-year term expiring April 30, 2025. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to move agenda item #6 to after matters from/for Council. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Follow up discussion on Distributed Generation Policy work session. Asked if Council had any questions lined out that they would like to have addressed prior to consideration of the policy that will be brought back to the Council for approval at a future meeting. Leffler asked if City Attorney has reviewed it. Shaw stated no, but we will still have to adopt an ordinance to adopt the policy that will be reviewed by the City Attorney, but the policy was reviewed by Kansas Power Pool. Richardson asked who will be responsible for making sure emergency shut offs are installed and when they will be inspected. Electric Distribution Superintendent Dave Warner stated he would be verifying that emergency shut offs are installed and Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton stated they will be inspected annually.

Assistant City Manager: Sims provided an update on the Model Railroad Club lease agreement and ceiling repairs. Sims stated the lease will expire December 31, 2021, so it will need to be updated before the end of the year. He stated that Section 6 of the agreement speaks to maintenance and states that the Lessor shall maintain the leased area and the restroom and keep such areas clean and reasonably free of debris. It also states the Lessee may make improvements to the leased space as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the lease, but no improvement shall be made which alters the structure of the building or changes any load bearing walls and no improvements or attachments to the structure shall be made without first obtaining the written approval of the Lessor. City Inspector Travis Combes stated he could see water spots on the ceiling and removed the quarter-inch thick MDF panels to determine where the leak is at. Combes stated he started repairing on the outside of that spot and will monitor it to make sure that is the spot that was leaking and that there are no other areas leaking. He stated it did not seem to affect the structure. Leffler asked about condition of the roof. Combes stated there are a few other leaks in the unfinished areas. Leffler inquired about previous damage and insurance claims. Jones stated there had been a previous claim where insurance proceeds were received, but she was not aware of whether or not the repairs were made. Shaw stated we will look in to what was considered damaged and what we were compensated for. Leffler asked if we will get the contract renewed before it expires. Shaw said yes.

City Manager: Shaw requested councilmembers submit appointments for the 2022 Street Sales Tax Committee by Friday July 2, 2021.

Shaw reminded the Council that our next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6th because city offices will be closed on July 5th in recognition of the July 4th holiday pursuant to our holiday policy.

Leffler made a motion to schedule a budget work session for Monday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Funding Request from Butler County Historical Society for “Kansas Crossroads” Project: Tiya Tonn, Executive Director of the Butler County Historical Society, addressed the governing body to request funding in the amount of \$2,500 to support the “Kansas Crossroads” documentary program. Leffler made a motion to approve the request from the Butler County Historical Society for \$2,500 in funding to support the “Kansas Crossroads” documentary program. Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reavis voting in opposition.

Reavis: Shout out to Jayme Chapin and Downtown Augusta, Inc. and all the volunteers and sponsors for the Bazaar event downtown. He stated there were a lot of vendors and a lot of people in attendance. He stated that several of the vendors and visitors were from out of town. He stated he appreciated the event.

Richardson: Richardson asked that the City letterhead be updated to include all current council members. Richardson extended his condolences to Shaw and his family.

Rawlings: Rawlings encouraged those living in Ward 4 who are interested in serving on the Council to run a write in campaign for the November election.

Crum: Crum inquired about the regulations pertaining to storage containers parked in driveways. Sims stated that new ones are not allowed in residential zones so the Planning Commission was looking at how to deal with the existing ones. He stated it was recommended that the current ones be phased out over 18 months, but that the Planning Commission turned down eliminating the existing ones from the zoning regulations. Crum asked why the Council cannot take that on instead of Planning Commission. Marr asked if there were minutes from the Planning Commission meeting that would give insight into why they decided that. Crum stated nothing should be allowed after October 2020 and that there was a new one on Angelina since then. She said if the Planning Commission does not want to address it then she would like the Council to consider it. The general consensus from the governing body was for council to consider it.

Crum inquired about campers, sitting on the street, in driveways, etc. Sims stated he would look in to those regulations and bring that information back. Richardson stated he has spoken to the police chief about a couple of them, specifically those in the streets and that the officers are addressing those. Shaw stated that the Standard Traffic Ordinance addresses the parking of those on the street, but when on private property those fall under City Code.

Leffler: Leffler stated there has been a rash of graffiti in restrooms and parks costing the tax payers money and staff has to take people off their duties to clean it up. He asked anyone with tips on who it is to please turn them in. He stated it has to come to a stop and someone needs to be punished.

Slade: Slade stated there were comments on Facebook over the weekend that the goals at the basketball court at swimming pool are in pretty bad condition and that there is a lot of trash in the area. Shaw stated the goals are on the list of things to repair. He stated that the pool staff is supposed to be taking time to clean up trash around the area, but that staff would look in to that.

Marr: Marr stated he also intended to bring up the comments on Facebook regarding holes in the concrete at the swimming pool and basketball court. Shaw stated staff would look in to that

Rawlings: Rawlings thanked those people of Facebook that were willing to step up and help repair the basketball goals.

Adjourn: At 8:40 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk