

CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 19, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on July 19, 2021, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Bill Slade. Council members Jamie Crum and Jake Marr 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, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Pastor Paul Einem, Julie Waltemath, Richard Kennedy and Scott Hill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor John Einem, Christ Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting and July 12, 2021 Budget Work Session. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance #7 dated 7/7/2021. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Julie Waltemath with the National MS Society was present to request City services for a Bike MS Flint Hills event to take place on Saturday September 11, 2021. Richardson made a motion to approve the request from the National MS Society for city services for their Bike MS Flint Hills event on Saturday September 11, 2021. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richard Kennedy, Model Railroad Club, was present to thank City staff and the council for the expedient repair to the roof/ceiling of their clubhouse.

Business:

Resolution No. 2021-09 Establishing Fees for Interconnection of Renewable Energy Generation Facilities: Reavis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-09 establishing fees related to the Interconnection of Renewable Energy Generation Facilities. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Nuisance Abatement Resolutions for Various Properties throughout the City of Augusta: Richardson made a motion to remove this agenda item. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Schedule a Public Hearing to Take Public Input and Comments on the Proposed 2022 Budget Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate: Leffler made a motion to schedule a public hearing on September 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. to take input and comments on the proposed 2022 Budget exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Schedule a Public Hearing to Take Public Input and Comments on the Proposed 2022 Budget: Leffler made a motion to schedule a public hearing on September 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. to take input and

comments on the proposed 2022 Budget. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Huddleston: Huddleston stated that at a previous meeting Reavis asked about the Boy Scouts using Santa Fe Lake and the fees. He stated he did not understand the answer given at that time, because the fee schedule resolution presented tonight shows the fee can be waived upon caretaker and city manager approval. Shaw stated that was removed in a subsequent fee schedule resolution and appears to be on the current one in error. Huddleston stated someone should have told them that they could have interacted with the Council to give them approval. Shaw stated he did not speak to them and was not privy to the discussion they had with the caretaker, so he was not aware of what they were advised of.

Reavis: Reavis inquired about a sewer line cut in the alley between 500 Osage and asked how those fees are determined. He stated that the citizen was told the City would charge him \$1,250 to make that tap and return the old asphalt alley way to before excavation condition. Shaw stated he is not aware of the situation and could not determine the fee just based off the address. He stated he would need additional information to determine what the fee would be.

Slade: Slade stated that the asphalt is not in very good shape in the Library parking lot and that the parking lines are completely faded away. He stated we need to look at re-striping those. Shaw stated the Library is able to set their own mil levy to address their needs and that they could hire a contractor and pay for their capital projects through their tax funds. Or, the City could have staff do it and use City funds budgeted for our capital projects. Shaw stated staff just needed direction from the Council on how to proceed. Reavis stated that while City staff is out doing crosswalks they could do the Library striping as well. Mayor Rawlings stated it would be good to verify with the Library Director whether or not she had already planned for that project. Shaw stated he would verify that with her.

Adjourn: At 7:41 p.m., Reavis made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk