

CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on January 17, 2022, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Jake Marr, Mike Huddleston, Bob Bailey, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson and Jeff Brown. Councilmember Ron Reavis was absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw and City Clerk Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton, Water Superintendent Brandon Green, City Inspector Travis Combes, Electric Distribution Superintendent Dave Warner, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Shane Scott, Jayme Chapin, R Sroufe and Shawn Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Rawlings gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022 City Council meeting. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance #12B dated 12/25/2021 and Ordinance #12C dated 12/26/2021. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Update to Condemnation Process for 234 East Broadway: Leffler made a motion to approve the proposal from State's Dirtwork, LLC in the amount of \$9,951 for the demolition of a single-family residential structure and a detached residential garage located at 234 East Broadway Avenue. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Joint Petition for Substitution of Trail Manager and Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility: Richardson made a motion to approve a Joint Petition for Substitution of Trail Manager and Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility, to be submitted jointly with Butler County to the Surface Transportation Board. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler voting in opposition.

Scope of Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton for Inspection of Augusta City Lake Dam: Leffler made a motion to approve a scope of services agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. in the amount of \$7,500 for the inspection of the dam at Augusta City Lake. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2022-02 Establishing Governing Body Compensation and the 2022 Employee Job Classification and Salary Schedule: Huddleston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 establishing governing body compensation and the employee job classification and salary schedule and policies for its implementation and management for the 2022 calendar year. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Vehicle Acquisition for Community Development and Public Utilities: Leffler made a motion to approve the bids for a 2022 Ram 1500 Tradesman from Winfield Motor Company for \$36,133 for the Solid Waste Division; a 2023 Ford F-250 from Shawnee Mission Ford for \$45,898 for the Solid Waste

Division; a 2023 Ford F-250 from Shawnee Mission Ford for \$45,898 plus tax for the Electric Distribution Division; a 2023 Ford F-250 from Shawnee Mission Ford for \$45,898 for the Wastewater Division; and a 2023 Ford F-350 from Shawnee Mission Ford for \$47,309 for the Streets Division. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Acceptance of Pedestrian Easement and Right of Way at Citizens Bank of Kansas: Richardson made a motion to approve and accept a pedestrian easement and right-of-way at Citizens Bank of Kansas located at 2330 North Ohio Street. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of Boring Machine & Track Loader Under Sourcewell National Purchasing Contracts: Leffler made a motion to approve the purchases of a Ditch Witch JT 10 Directional Drill (boring machine) utilizing Sourcewell National Purchasing contract number 012418-CMW and Case TV 370B Track Loader utilizing Sourcewell National Purchasing contract number 032119-CNH. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Assessment of Vision Metering AMI Pilot Project: Council received and filed a presentation on the AMI metering pilot project from Public Utilities Director Tim Johnson.

At 8:46 Richardson made a motion to take a 10 minute break and to return at 8:56 p.m. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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Purchase a John Deere Gator TX 4x2 Utility Vehicle: Richardson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 John Deere Gator TX 4x2 utility vehicle for the Parks & Recreation Division from PrairieLand Partners, LLC in the amount of \$8,075.93 as part of the KS Side by Side 48300F contract. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Park Advisory Board Term Schedule and Appointments: Leffler made a motion to swap the appointments previously held by Bill Slade and Bob Bailey with both appointments expiring April of 2022. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve staff's proposal for correction of Park Advisory Board term schedule as provided with Andy Hall expiring April 2022, Bill Slade expiring April 2022, Shawn Davis expiring April 2023, Jayme Chapin expiring April 2023, Claire Carpenter expiring April 2024, Bob Bailey expiring April 2022, and Kip Richardson expiring April 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Leffler made a motion to approve the request from the Augusta Public Library for ongoing use of the Shryock Park Pavilion by Augusta Public Library on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from March through October for the outdoor story time program and waive the shelter rental fee. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated we have citizens complaining about the brick roads. He stated that he has been instructed that if you neglect them long enough or the maintenance done under them is not done appropriately they will get in bad shape. Huddleston stated that 6th Street now looks like a canal after the water line repair. He stated we need to make sure that our crews have the training

and the equipment and supplies necessary to do the proper maintenance on the brick streets or they will get worse over time.

Richardson: Richardson stated he has been getting complaints about the 200 block of East Clark, specifically the condition of the brick street and the damage it is causing to vehicles. Rawlings stated that same area is where the top surface is popping off the bricks.

Richardson asked if there is a chance to look at removing the no parking in front of the theatre during the week and allowing parking there during the week and restricting parking when the theatre is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Shaw stated that staff is looking into why it was built that way and will be speaking with the Arts Council to determine if it was required due to the delivery of the film and if that is still necessary.

Leffler: Leffler stated that the landfill coupons for this year are available in the utility office. He stated the Airport was very busy today, that Airport Manager Ray Seif is doing a great job at the airport and there will be more events coming.

Executive Session:

At 9:25 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), and to ask City Manager Josh Shaw to join the Council in executive session. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 9:55 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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Richardson made a motion to extend the City Manager's contract to 12/31/2023 and to increase the City Manager's salary 2% in addition to the 2022 COLA. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition

Adjourn: At 10:26 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk