

CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on January 3, 2022, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Jake Marr, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis, Jeff Brown and Bill Slade. Councilmen Mike Huddleston and Bob Bailey were 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, Susie Geiger and Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman. Visitors: Father P.J. Voegeli, Jada Ackerman and Richard Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Father P.J. Voegeli, St. James Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting. Slade seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #12A dated 12/22/2021. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Oath of Office:

Recognition of Outgoing Council Member: Mayor Rawlings recognized outgoing Ward 4 Councilman Bill Slade.

Administer Oath of Office: City Clerk Jones administered the Oath of Office to incoming Ward 4 Councilman Jeff Brown.

Administer Oath of Office: City Manager Shaw formally introduced the new Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman to the City Council and Augusta community. City Clerk Jones administered the Oath of Office to Ackerman.

Business:

Nuisance Abatement Resolution for a Property Located within the City of Augusta: Staff reported that there had been sufficient progress made on this property that they withdrew this item from the agenda.

Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2022-01 Adjustment to Fees Associated with Accident Reports: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 adjusting fees associated with accident reports in accordance with Kansas law. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Public Building Commission: Richardson made a motion to schedule a Public Building Commission meeting to take place on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Augusta City Hall. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler: Leffler stated that the City Council members are not correct on the Channel 7 slide show.

Executive Session:

At 7:14 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 20 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” exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), and to ask City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Attorney Andrew Marino to join the Council in executive session. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 7:34 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 7:34 p.m. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 7:34 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 8:04 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:04 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 8:05 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk