

CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on March 21, 2022, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Jake Marr, Eric Birk, Bob Bailey, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Ron Reavis and Jeff Brown. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Cody Sims and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton, Rod Davis, Susan Smith and Susie Geiger. Visitors: Pastor Loy Hoskins, Jayme Chapin, Connie Thurman, Shawn Davis, Charles May, Ryan Murry, Katherine Wallace, Rodney Wallace, Randy Hughes, Mark Sudduth, Kelly Modlin, Monty Rowland, Kyler Rowland, Kendall Cerney, and Kevin Cowan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Loy Hoskins, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Richardson made a motion to switch the order of items 6 and 7 and to add agenda item 8 related to the bond issue previously authorized and to consider a resolution authorizing bond counsel to offer it for sale. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 City Council meeting. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #3A dated 3/16/2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Randy Hughes, representing the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, was present to request use of the Augusta City Lake on April 13, May 5, May 21, and May 28, 2022 for four fishing clinics to be hosted by Ewalt Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Augusta Methodist Church, and Augusta Public Library. Reavis made a motion to approve the use of Augusta City Lake on April 13, May 5, May 21, and May 28, 2022 for four fishing clinics to be hosted by Ewalt Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Augusta Methodist Church, and Augusta Public Library and to waive fishing license requirements for the Augusta Methodist Church and Augusta Public Library events. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Jayme Chapin, Executive Director of Go! Augusta, was present to provide updates on the organization's activities.

Shawn Davis, representing the Andover-Augusta Rail Trail Initiative, was present to provide an update on the Redbud Trail.

Business:

2022 Insurance Renewal: Leffler made a motion to accept the bid proposal from ICI Insurance for the renewal of the City's 2022 Insurance Policy in the amount of \$468,042.00, not including the flood insurance policies. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Engineering Services Agreements with Schwab Eaton for Supplemental Engineering Services, and Construction Related Services for Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations (Lakeside & Simmons): Leffler made a motion to approve of a Supplemental Engineering Services agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. in the lump sum amount of \$23,560.00 for electrical design/bid evaluation/rebidding for the Lakeside and Simmons sanitary sewer lift stations. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Leffler made a motion to approve of a Construction Related Services agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. with an anticipated maximum of \$30,720.00 with no separate expenses. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Agreement with Core & Main to Acquire AMI Technology and Services: Leffler made a motion to approve an agreement with Core & Main to acquire AMI technology and services and authorize the city manager to sign the appropriate documents. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Replacement of Water Reuse System at Augusta Wastewater Treatment Facility: Richardson made a motion to approve the low quote from Ray Lindsey Company in the amount of \$26,544 plus installation by Hickman Environmental Services in the amount of \$3,750 for a total cost of \$30,294 for replacement of the wastewater treatment plant water reuse system. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Facility Use Agreement with Flatwater Fitness & Fun, LLC for Fitness Classes and Cross-Training Activities at Santa Fe Lake: Reavis made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement with Flatwater Fitness & Fun, LLC for Fitness Classes and Cross-Training Activities at Santa Fe Lake with a change in the language to include "\$1,200 per year of the agreement" and "fee will not be prorated or returned in the event the agreement is terminated". Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Discussion/Direction Regarding the Compost Site/Limb Yard Operations: Staff provided an update and the Council discussed future operations of the Compost Site and Limb Yard.

Kelly Modlin, Augusta area resident, addressed the governing body. He stated that the City should punish the people abusing it, not the people following the rules. Modlin suggested getting a camera and punish the people abusing it and set the punishment high enough that they won't continue to do it.

Monty Rowland, owner of Rowland and Sons, stated this action punishes the local businesses. He stated putting the grass clippings in the carts will cost the City more for the trash trucks to take it to the landfill. Rowland stated he agrees that \$50 is too cheap for a commercial permit to use the Compost Site and Limb Yard. He stated if he has to haul grass clippings to the landfill he will have to increase his costs. He stated he hopes the Council will come to a decision that will benefit all of us.

Mark Sudduth, Augusta resident, stated that the limb yard is very valuable and a quality of life issue for the citizens of Augusta and should not be closed down. He stated he does not think the local landscapers should be charged a permit fee. He stated if we limit the few taking advantage of it then it will come back in to place quickly. Sudduth stated he has a brand new 24/7 camera he purchased off Amazon prime that he would be happy to donate to the City if that is helpful. He asked the Council not to close the site.

Shawn Davis, Augusta business owner, agreed with those that addressed the governing body. He stated the local landscapers are taking the refuse from those in the community. He stated that those abusing it should be the ones that are punished. Davis stated he hopes the Council can come to a solution to keep it open.

At 9:25 p.m. Richardson made a motion to take a 5 minute break. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:30 p.m. Richardson made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Council provided direction to staff to bring back recommendations at the next meeting including ordinance and fee schedule resolution changes that address the compost site and limb yard operations, proposed days and hours of operation, proposed commercial fees, definition of local landscapers, eliminating tree haulers, security measures that can be implemented and enforcement resources.

Resolution 2022-09 Authorizing the Offering for Sale of General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022-B, of the City of Augusta, Kansas: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022-B, of the City of Augusta, Kansas. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2022-08: Leffler made a motion to approve Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2022-08 making changes to various City fees along with amending the Santa Fe Lake fee for group or special use to include the language “(nonprofit)”. Reavis seconded the motion. Leffler amended the motion to change “Boating” to “Vessels Requiring State Registration” under Santa Fe Lake. Richardson seconded the amended motion. Amended motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Huddleston: Huddleston stated he has questions about the sample ordinance provided regarding the golf carts. He stated there is a repair shop on Ohio that does repairs to golf carts and ATV’s and asked if they would be restricted from driving these types of vehicles to the shop. Shaw stated language could be included in the ordinance requiring they use the shortest route to get to the repair shop. Marr stated that Public Safety will have to look at this to see how they will enforce that. Huddleston asked if the loophole for UTV’s has been worked through. Shaw said yes. Huddleston stated the restriction was put on golf carts between sunrise and sunset, but State Statute says “unless they are equipped with lights”. He said he would like the ordinance language to mirror that part of State Statute.

Adjourn: At 10:44 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk