

CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on May 16, 2022, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Jake Marr, Eric Birk, Bob Bailey, Mike Huddleston, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson and Ron Reavis. Councilmember Jeff Brown was absent. 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, Susan Smith, Susie Geiger and Rob Cooper. Visitors: Katherine Wallace, Rodney Wallace, Connie Thurman, and Jayme Chapin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mac Martin, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 City Council meeting, May 9, 2022 City Council Budget Work Session, and May 10, 2022 City Council Housing Work Session. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #5 dated 5/11/2022. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Proclamations:

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring May 21, 2022 as “Kids to Parks Day” celebrating the benefits of local parks on the physical, emotional, and social health of children.

Visitors:

Katherine Wallace, representing Flatwater Fitness & Fun, was present to request permission to hold a “FFF Flatwater SUP Race” event at Santa Fe Lake on July 16, 2022 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Richardson made a motion to approve the request from Flatwater Fitness & Fun to hold a “FFF Flatwater SUP Race” event at Santa Fe Lake on July 16, 2022 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Connie Thurman, representing the Augusta Arts Council, was present to request the closure of the 500 block of State Street to hold an “Andover Tornado Benefit Concert” event on May 22, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Reavis made a motion to approve the Augusta Arts Council’s request to close the 500 block of State Street to hold an “Andover Tornado Benefit Concert” event on May 22, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Z2022-03/Sedbrook Temporary Use Permit: Leffler made a motion to approve the recommendation provided by the Augusta Planning Commission and approve Zoning Case #Z2022-03 Sedbrook/Temporary Use Permit for a shipping container to be located at 1215 N Helen Street. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Quotes to Repair Roof of Electric Distribution Shop: Reavis made a motion to approve the low bid in the amount of \$15,400 submitted by Larry Walty Roofing of Augusta to clean, prime, and apply an elastomeric coating to the roof of the Electric Distribution shop and garage located at the northeast

corner of the Power Plant #2 campus on East 12th Avenue. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Discussion/Direction of National League of Cities Community Showcase Video Program: Reavis made a motion to approve the City of Augusta's participation in the Community Showcase Video Program sponsored by the National League of Cities and produced by CGI Digital. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Discussion/Direction of Recommendation from Convention & Tourism Committee for Approval of Proposed Charter Ordinance No. 19 and Amended CTC Bylaws: Council reviewed and discussed recommendations from the Convention & Tourism Committee for approval of proposed Charter Ordinance No. 19 and amended CTC bylaws. Council consensus was in favor of increasing the guest tax to 8%, amending membership to include four members who may be from any of the proposed categories, the economic definition as written but also including something explicit to allow for a grant funding program, and approval of the recommended bylaw changes including an update to the use of guest tax to mirror the Charter Ordinance.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Leffler: Leffler asked where staff was on improving the visuals in the council room. Shaw stated he received a quote but it isn't the quote that he had hoped to receive and he has not heard back from our current vendor on the individualized screens.

Leffler clarified that the Council passed the ordinance allowing golf carts and side by sides but it is not legal for them to be driven on City streets yet. He stated we hope to start allowing the registration starting June 1st. Shaw stated they have to be registered to be legal.

Richardson: Congratulated seniors and graduates of area schools and colleges for their accomplishments.

Reavis: Reavis asked if there was any money in the budget to improve the live streaming and recording. Shaw stated there is not anything in the 2022 budget but it could be included in the 2023 budget. Shaw stated he would recommend moving away from the analog technology and exclusively stream the meetings.

Birk: Birk stated he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Theatre Sunday to show our support for our neighbors in Andover.

Huddleston: Huddleston stated there is still a lot of large vehicle traffic on Ohio and asked if we can work on improving that. Shaw stated the Ohio Project will do that quick enough.

Adjourn: At 8:20 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk