

CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 2, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on May 2, 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, Susan Smith, Susie Geiger, Jim Sutton, and Dominic Mosier. Visitors: Mac Martin, Stephanie Cole, Derek Highbarger, Connie Thurman, Jenni Baugher, Bob Baugher, Shawn Davis, Shane Scott, Josh Burns, Nolan Burns, Richard Kennedy, Mary Anderson, Brian Meek, Ross Vogel, and Logan Singhisen.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022 City Council meeting and April 25, 2022 work session. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #4A dated 4/27/2022. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Proclamations:

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring the week of May 15-21, 2022 as “National Police Week” saluting the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Visitors:

Mary Anderson, representing the Augusta Public Library, was present to request permission to close a portion of State Street and use the Public Safety Department pumper truck for their Water Celebration Event on July 15, 2022 as well as request 200 daily children’s passes to the Municipal Swimming Pool to be awarded as part of their Summer Reading Program. Reavis made a motion to approve the request from the Augusta Public Library to close a portion of State Street and use the Public Safety Department pumper truck for their Water Celebration Event on July 15, 2022 as well as their request for 200 daily children’s passes to the Municipal Swimming Pool to be awarded as part of their Summer Reading Program. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Derek Highbarger, representing the Augusta Methodist Church, was present to request use of Garvin Park and the Kerry Unrein Stage for their Community Summer Event on June 4, 2022. Richardson made a motion to approve the Augusta Methodist Church’s use of Garvin Park and the Kerry Unrein State for their Community Summer Event on June 4, 2022. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Brian Meek, representing Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) was present to recognize Augusta Power Plant Operator Dominic Mosier for his award as Power Plant Operator of the Year.

Business:

El Dorado Wholesale Water Contract: Huddleston made a motion to approve a new 40-year wholesale water contract with the City of El Dorado to replace the existing wholesale water contract scheduled to expire on January 1, 2026. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Grant Agreement with The Skatepark Project for Augusta's Community Skatepark: Richardson made a motion to approve a grant agreement with The Skatepark Project for \$15,000 in funding for the Augusta Community Skatepark Project. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution for Rural Housing Incentive District: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-13 Determining that the City is considering establishing a Rural Housing Incentive District and adopting a plan for the development of housing and public facilities in such district; establishing the date and time of a public hearing on such matter, and providing for the giving of notice of such public hearing. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2022-14 Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the KDOT Transportation Alternatives Program for Phase One of the Redbud Trail Development Project: Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-14 authorizing the submittal of an application to the KDOT Transportation Alternatives Program for Phase one of the Redbud Trail Development Project. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leffler voting in opposition.

New Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Augusta Arts Council: Leffler made a motion to approve a new Cereal Malt Beverage License to sell enhanced cereal malt beverages (CMB) for consumption on the premises for the Augusta Arts Council, located at 523 State Street. Richardson seconded the motion. Marr abstained from the vote. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2022-15 Amending the Membership Requirements of the Main Street Design Committee and Replacing Resolution 2013-14: Huddleston made a motion to table the Resolution for a month to give time for staff to provide information on what other models exist and explore the origins of the committee. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayoral Recommendations for Appointments to City Boards and Committees: Huddleston requested staff to provide an annual report of the various board and committee members and their attendance at the meetings so the Council can make a more informed decision on reappointments. Huddleston made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendations for appointments to the City boards and committees. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Park Advisory Boards Appointments: Richardson made a motion to appoint Councilmember Brown to the Park Advisory Board to fill the expiring term of Councilmember Richardson. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Reavis made a motion to reappoint Bill Slade and appoint Logan Singhisen to fill the expiring terms of Bill Slade and Andy Hall on the Park Advisory Board. Huddleston seconded the motion. Marr abstained from the vote. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson made a motion to reappoint Councilmember Bob Bailey for another year. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:36 p.m. Richardson made a motion to take a 10 minute break. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 8:46 p.m. Richardson made a motion to reconvene. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance No. 2191 Authorizing the Operation of Special Purpose Vehicles on the Streets Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Augusta: Huddleston made a motion to approve Ordinance 2191 amending Chapter 14 of City Code, creating Article 7 authorizing the operation of worksite utility vehicles, micro utility trucks, and golf carts on the streets within the corporate limits of the City of Augusta. Leffler seconded the motion. Roll Call: Huddleston Yes, Birk Yes, Reavis No, Richardson Yes, Bailey Yes, Leffler Yes, Brown Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw reminded the Council of the Budget work session scheduled for Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at City Hall and the Housing Work Session on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Huddleston: Huddleston asked if it is possible to get more enforcement of fishing licensing and regulations at the City Lake. Shaw stated that to the extent that our staffing levels allow we will. Ackerman stated he is also reaching out to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks about providing assistance with license enforcement.

Birk: Birk stated he received a call from a citizen thanking staff for getting their power restored so quickly after the recent storms.

Reavis: Reavis asked for another update on the North Ohio project. Sims stated he is hopeful to have a pre-construction meeting with the contractor in the next couple weeks but that the delay is on the part of the contractor. Reavis inquired about construction deadlines. Sims stated the contractor is aware that he will be assessed a penalty if the deadline is not met.

Richardson: Richardson thanked the Department of Public Safety, Fire volunteers, Street Department and Electric Department for all their hard work over the weekend. Rawlings agreed.

Brown: Brown inquired about where we left off with regard to the pit bull ban. Shaw stated that staff has not been able to work on it but it is on his list of items to work on it. Ackerman stated he and his staff are reworking the whole animal control section of City Code.

Executive Session:

At 9:21 p.m. Richardson made a motion to go into executive session for 60 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's quarterly check-in for his annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and invite in the City Manager Josh Shaw to join the Council. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 10:21 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 10:20 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 10:21 p.m., Leffler made a motion to adjourn. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk