

CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 1, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on August 1, 2022, with Council President Tom Leffler presiding. Council present were Jake Marr, Eric Birk, Mike Huddleston, Bob Bailey, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Jeff Brown and Ron Reavis. Mayor Mike Rawlings 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 and Code Enforcement Officer Chris McNutt. Visitors: Sean Gordon, Lynn Lamberty, Angie Johnston, Chuck May, Matt Ward, Shawn Davis, Connie Thurman, Jayme Chapin, Troy Palmer, Sue Jones, Lynn Smith, John Pilcher, Rustin Atkeisson, Nin George, Colby Simon, Nathan Payne, Susan Hostetter, and Aaron Rivers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Lynn Lamberty, United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2022 City Council meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #7A dated 7/20/2022. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

John Pilcher 48 Angelina Drive, representing Augusta Community Caring Center, was present to request the Council's approval to transfer their existing utility abatement in the same amount to their planned new location at Robinson Elementary. Marr made a motion to transfer the balance of their existing utility abatement to their planned new location at Robinson Elementary. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition

Shawn Davis, 1917 Meadowlake Drive, was present to request the Council install wayfinding signage to Downtown Augusta along Highway 54/400. Richardson made a motion to install wayfinding signage to Downtown Augusta along Highway 54/400 and allow city staff to work with Davis and Go! Augusta on the verbiage of the sign. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Rustin Atkeisson, representing MakeICT, was present to request approval of a cardboard boat race event at Santa Fe Lake on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Reavis made a motion to approve the request from MakeICT to hold a cardboard boat race event at Santa Fe Lake on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Richardson voting in opposition.

Business:

Presentation of 2021 Audited Financials: Sean Gordon, representing Gordon CPA LLC, presented the City's 2021 Audited Financials and discussed the audit. Marr made a motion to accept the City's 2021 Audited Financials as presented by the city auditor. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2022-23 Requesting the State Director of Accounts and Reports Waive the Requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120A(A) for the City's 2022 Financial Statements and Reports: Richardson made a

motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-23 requesting the State Director of Accounts and Reports waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the City's 2022 financial statements and reports. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Presentation Regarding Robinson Elementary; Consider Resolution of Support for the Creation of a Recreation Commission and Use of Former Robinson Elementary as a Community and Wellness Center: Superintendent Matt Ward addressed the governing body and provided a presentation regarding subcommittee recommendations for Robinson Elementary. Marr made a motion to receive and file report from Superintendent Matt Ward. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Huddleston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-24 in support of the school district's efforts to create a recreation commission and to utilize the former Robinson Elementary School as a community and wellness center. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Engineering Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton for Stormwater Drainage Study: Chuck May, City Engineer, addressed the governing body regarding the scope of services and the need for the drainage study.

Troy Palmer addressed the governing body regarding the flooding issues at the Global Parts facility. He stated if the facility is flooded again their current tenant will not remain in Augusta and it will be hard to find another company willing to utilize this facility. He stated the property will no longer be insurable if the flooding happens again. Palmer stated that the drainage pipe under Hwy 400 is the same circumference today is it was when it was installed in 1938 and that the surrounding property has changed significantly since then.

Nin George 1721 Westwood, Vice President of Quality for Global Parts Group, addressed the governing body. Nin stated that he is very proud and grateful to be able to live and work in this community. He stated that this flooding has become devastating and we have to come up with a solution because this cannot continue. Nin stated that he believes this study will show the culverts and roads are no longer sufficient and that we need the data to move forward with a solution.

Reavis made a motion to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton for Stormwater Drainage Study of Industrial Park Drainage Basin in the amount of \$24,600. Huddleston seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Engineering Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton for City Lake Dam Repairs: Marr made a motion to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Schwab Eaton for in the amount of \$68,000 to obtain detailed plans and specifications and other professional engineering services for repair of the Augusta City Lake Dam. Reavis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Property Acquisition of Laymon Trust Properties: Reavis made a motion to approve the Acquisition and Sales Agreement and Assignment and Assumption Addendum with Intrust Bank, N.A. Trustee of Laymon Family Trust for the purchase of three properties located at 501 E 5<sup>th</sup>, 508 N Grove, and 313 S School in the amount of \$112,500. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Amendment No. 1 to Public Water Supply Loan Agreement with KDHE: Richardson made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the public water supply loan agreement with KDHE for water meters, advanced water metering (AMI), and State Street Water Tower Rehabilitation with loan repayments

scheduled to begin August 1, 2024 instead of August 1, 2022. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) Director Appointments: Marr made a motion to reappoint Public Utilities Director Tim Johnson to serve as Director representing the City of Augusta on the KMGA Board of Directors. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager: Reavis made a motion to schedule a work session at 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 2022 at City Hall to discuss 2023 Budget, capital improvement planning and electric rate study update. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson: Richardson referred to the incident that occurred on North Ohio with the resident's sprinkler systems and waterlines being damaged by the contractor and asked staff to provide additional information to the public on what to do if they had damage related to the incident.

Richardson stated he received reports about Dalton Palmer Park being sticky and dirty, with vomit all over the place, tables sticky from the snow cones and ice cream shops nearby. He asked if the City can provide clean up services to the facility. Shaw stated we do clean that property but that he would reach out to park staff regarding the issues.

Leffler: Leffler asked for an update on the breakdown on the city attorney billing. Leffler reminded everyone that tomorrow election day and encouraged everyone get out and vote.

Adjourn: At 8:56 p.m., Marr made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk