

CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on September 19, 2022, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Eric Birk, Mike Martin, Mike Huddleston, Bob Bailey, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Jeff Brown and Ron Reavis. 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, Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton, and Susan Smith. Visitors: Katherine Wallace, Rodney Wallace, Eric Grooms, Connie Thurman, Kristen Martin, Sue Jones, and Clance Doelling.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Councilman Kip Richardson gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 City Council meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Reavis made a motion to approve Ordinance #9 dated 9/14/2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Oath of Office:

City Clerk Erica Jones administered the Oath of Office to Michael R. Martin who was sworn in as Councilmember for Ward 1 to fill the unexpired term of Jake Marr.

Proclamation:

Mayor Rawlings issued a proclamation recognizing October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 8<sup>th</sup> as Public Power Week, a week long celebration of Augusta Electric Utility's year-round service to the City of Augusta, Kansas.

Business:

Richardson made a motion to move the Animal Control Ordinance agenda item #4 to the first item under business. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Review and Discuss Proposed Changes to Animal Control Ordinance Regarding Dog Breed Ban: Council discussed and provided direction to city staff regarding proposed edits to the animal control ordinance pertaining to the elimination of the dog breed ban and other dog-related provisions.

Council requested staff provide options related to running at large and requiring a leash and to get more feedback from the community on their feelings regarding the breed ban. Consensus was to work on this section related to the dogs at this time and not the entire ordinance.

Resolution Fixing Time and Place for Hearings Concerning the Condemnation and Repair or Demolition of the Structures Located at 231 E Summit Ave. Pursuant to the Provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 Et Seq: Leffler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-29 fixing the time and place for a public hearing to take place on Monday, November 7, 2022 at Augusta City Hall at 7:00 p.m. concerning the condemnation and repair or demolition of single-family residential structures located at 231 East Summit Avenue. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Facility Use Agreement Between the City of Augusta and Flatwater Fitness and Fun for the Use of Augusta City Lake for Stand-Up Paddleboard Activities: Reavis made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Augusta and Flatwater Fitness and Fun for the use of Augusta City Lake for stand-up paddleboard activities for the period of January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of a 2022 Ford F-150 for the Solid Waste Division: Leffler made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-150 4x4 crew cab from Shawnee Mission Ford in the amount of \$41,087. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Shaw: Reminder of joint City Council and Airport Advisory Board meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Augusta Municipal Airport to discuss the status of the airport runway project.

Mayor Rawlings: Richardson made a motion to schedule a special meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter check-in and to initiate City Manager annual performance evaluation process. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Huddleston: Huddleston asked if the Council no longer approves the permits for events. Shaw stated that if it is a reoccurring event without changes it will be included in the Info/Memo part of the agenda packet, but only new events are presented to the Council for approval.

Reavis: Reavis stated he would like to continue the discussion about the beach at City Lake for the stand-up paddle board use, including a cost estimate and what has been discussed by the Park Board.

Reavis asked if there is any update on the Play Park replacement. Shaw stated there is no current active project. He stated we had planned to use some of the ARPA funding, but we were not awarded the grant we had applied for to fund the other half of the project. Shaw stated there is currently no money designated for that project.

Reavis inquired about the city ordinance for panhandlers. Shaw stated he will have to look in to that and report back to the City Council. Reavis stated he was contacted by a citizen with concerns and the police department said they could not do anything about it.

Richardson: Richardson stated Shamrock Lane has had extra traffic going along there due to the construction and asked if the City can prohibit parking on the East side of the street to reduce the congestion. Sims stated it would require an ordinance and possibly a change to the zoning regulations. Richardson stated he would like to see a permanent change because it is hazardous.

Adjourn: At 8:49 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Martins seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk