

CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on April 17, 2023, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Bob Bailey, Eric Birk, Tom Leffler, Kip Richardson, Jeff Brown and Ron Reavis. Councilmembers Mike Huddleston and Mike Martin were absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Susan Smith, Rob Cooper and Shawna Cortez. Visitors: Bill Morris, Kenneth Olsen, David Slaughter, Les Slaughter and Wayne Vogel.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Wayne Vogel, Church of Christ, gave the invocation.

Leffler made a motion to amend the agenda to add Business Item G7, Consideration of a Cereal Malt Beverage License application. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 City Council meeting and April 10, 2023 City Council work session. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance #4 dated 4/12/2023. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Ordinance No. 2219 Changing the Zoning District Classification for Property Located at 421 E Broadway Avenue: Leffler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2219 changing the zoning district classification for property located at 421 E Broadway Avenue from R-1 (single-family residential) to R-3 (multi-family residential) District as recommended by the Augusta Planning Commission. Brown seconded the motion. Roll Call: Birk Yes, Reavis Yes, Richardson Yes, Bailey Yes, Leffler Yes, Brown Yes. Motion carried.

Final Plat and Master Drainage Plan for Property Located at 1600 N Custer Lane: Leffler made a motion to approve a Final Plat and Master Drainage Plan for the Palmer Addition located at 1600 N Custer Lane as recommended by the Augusta Planning Commission. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Master Equity Lease Agreement and Amendment with Enterprise Fleet Management Inc. for Fleet Purchasing: Reavis made a motion to approve the Master Equity Lease Agreement and Amendment to the Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to sign. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Waste Tire Grant Contract: Leffler made a motion to approve a contract between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the City of Augusta for Waste Tire Grant of \$1,167 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Agreement Addendum A and Addendum B with Spohn Ranch for Construction of Skatepark in Bill Reed Park: Reavis made a motion to approve the Parks Boards recommendation for redesign, Agreement Addendum A, and Addendum B with Spohn Ranch for construction of Skatepark in Bill Reed Park. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayoral Appointment to Augusta Library Board: Richardson made a motion appoint Robin Crawford and Paige Cocke to serve four-year terms the Augusta Library Board. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for CAPL Retail LLC dba Joe's Kwik Marts located at 610 W 7th Avenue: Leffler made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for CAPL Retail LLC dba Joe's Kwik Marts located at 610 W 7th Avenue. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Reavis: Reavis inquired the City Manager's activities stating that KDOT will not be assisting with that project and asked if that means they will not assist with the either the project or funding of the Industrial Park drainage study. Shaw stated they will not assist with the funding. He stated he is working on identifying other sources of funding for the project and believes there will be an application for a funding opportunity in the fall. Reavis inquired about the cost of the project. Shaw stated the estimate is that it could be up to seven figures depending on the project. Leffler stated that even though KDOT will not be funding the project they will be very involved in the project. Shaw stated that is correct.

Reavis asked where we stand on the dam repair project. Shaw stated he can provide more updated information at a future meeting, but he believes we have received the permit in the past couple days from the Corp of Engineers.

Reavis stated the traffic light at Belmont & Ohio is still a source of frustration. Shaw stated the controlling unit is not working properly and we are having the same issue at 7th and State Street. He stated that all of the traffic lights are around the same age and will need to be updated/replaced. Shaw stated we have to figure out how we fund those and then it is a matter of getting the parts here to fix the lights because we ordered parts for the light at 7th and State two months ago and they still have not arrived yet. Leffler asked if KDOT will help at all with the lights on 7th Avenue. Shaw stated they will not. Brown asked if we are capable of looking at the system and adjusting the timers. Shaw stated we work with a company that works on those. Rawlings stated if the parts are not working then it doesn't do any good to have someone work on them. Shaw stated he would follow up with staff again to see where we stand. He stated we have 7 lighted intersections and it would be somewhere in the six-figure range to fix them all.

Richardson: Richardson stated he received an email from Jeff Alfaro, father of Brian Alfaro, expressing his appreciation for all the kindness and support that the family has received from everyone through his illness and his passing. He stated Alfaro would be attending an upcoming council meeting to thank everyone in person.

Leffler: Leffler asked how we are going to address the two dead pine trees that straddle the property at the Library. He stated they look very bad and need to be removed. Shaw stated he would look in to in. Leffler asked if Shaw could ask Ray Seif to provide a monthly staff report for the Airport.

Rawlings: Rawlings stated a citizen provided him with a copy of their water softener test results and it showed that their city water was soft.

Executive Session:

At 7:57 p.m. Richardson made a motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's first quarter check in as part of his annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Richardson asked that City Manager Josh Shaw join the Council in executive session. The open meeting of the governing body will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 8:27 p.m. Leffler seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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Adjourn: At 9:00 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

City Clerk