

CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 16, 2024  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on January 16, 2024, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Shane Scott, Kip Richardson, Shawn Davis, Jeff Brown, and Jake Marr. Council members Eric Birk and Bob Bailey were absent. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, City Manager Josh Shaw, Assistant City Manager Kamme Sroufe, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Code Enforcement Officer Chris McNutt, City Planner Rob Cooper, Shawna Cortez, and Susan Smith. Visitors: Tom Leffler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Mayor Rawlings gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 City Council meeting. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance #12B dated December 27, 2023; #12C dated December 29, 2023; #12D dated December 31, 2023; and #1 dated January 3, 2024. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Farm Path Tour requested City Council approval to host the Kansas Doubles Championship at Knockwood Disc Golf Course on November 17, 2024. Richardson made a motion to approve the request from Farm Path Tour to host the Kansas Doubles Championship at Knockwood Disc Golf Course on November 17, 2024. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Shawna Cortez presented a request from the Augusta Public Library for Council approval of the Walk About (fun run/walk) at Garvin Park on May 23, 2024. Richardson made a motion to approve the request from the Augusta Public Library to host the Walk About fun run/walk at Garvin Park on May 23, 2024. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Business:

Nuisance Abatement Resolution for 214 E Columbia: Marr made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-01 determining that a nuisance exists at 214 E Columbia Avenue and ordering the removal and abatement of nuisances within 10 days as specified in K.S.A. 12-1617e. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Final Plat of the Augusta Substation Addition: Richardson made a motion to approve of a One-Step Final Plat in support of a new electric substation facility, located along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just south and east of N. Lulu Street and addressed as 525 W 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Resolution No. 2024-02 Replacing Resolution No. 2016-21 and Establishing an Airport Advisory Board for the Augusta Municipal Airport; Appointment of New Airport Advisory Board Member: Richardson made a motion to approve draft 2 of Resolution No. 2024-02 amending the membership and terms of the Augusta Municipal Airport Advisory Board, increasing the number of board members to 6 and amending to read "...City Council shall appoint one (1) City Council member to the Board by public vote of the Council...". Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayor Rawlings reappointed Tom Leffler to serve on the Airport Advisory Board.

Replacement of Traffic Control Signal Equipment: Brown made a motion to approve proceeding with the replacement of all intersection traffic signal systems and pay for the upgrade with cash from interest income. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried with Martin voting in opposition.

Fourth of July Fireworks Production Contract with Rainbow Fireworks: Richardson made a motion to approve a fireworks production contract in the amount of \$10,000 with Rainbow Fireworks for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at Augusta City Lake. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

City Manager reminded everyone of the Local Government Day in Topeka, KS on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the Volunteer Fire annual dinner on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Martin: Martin stated he wanted to personally thank Les Clark and Glen Robinson for defrosting his water meter today and they did about four others downtown as well as all over town this past weekend. He stated they did an outstanding job. Shaw stated they had several meters freeze up and several line breaks over the weekend and overnight that they were keeping up with. He stated they also had to take care of water at the Airport. Shane Scott stated he is really impressed with the City workers and their loyalty and sacrifice for us. Rawlings agreed and stated there were two of them working yesterday when the rest of us were off for the holiday. Marr echoed the same things.

Executive Session:

At 7:56 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 annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and ask 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 9:00 p.m. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:00 p.m., Richardson made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Richardson made a motion to schedule a Strategic Retreat for 6:00 p.m. on January 29, 2024 at City Hall. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Adjourn: At 9:01 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk