

CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 4, 2024  
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on March 4, 2024, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Eric Birk, Bob Bailey, Shane Scott, Kip Richardson, Shawn Davis, Jeff Brown, and Jake Marr. Also present: City Attorney Andrew Marino, Director of Public Utilities Tim Johnson, and City Clerk/Director of Finance Erica Jones. Staff Present: Director of Public Safety Todd Ackerman, Electric Production Superintendent Jim Sutton, Street/Solidwaste Superintendent Anthony Craft, Street Foreman Mike Lunnam, Assistant to the City Manager Shawna Cortez, and Susan Smith. Visitors: Pastor Loy Hoskins and Sue Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: Pastor Loy Hoskins, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes: Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 City Council meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Davis made a motion to approve Ordinance #2A dated February 28, 2024. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Sue Jones, 1817 Meadowlake Dr., was present to provide an update on the TNVR program. Jones stated that Animal Control Officer Natalie Coffman was very prompt filling out the application for Friends of Felines and that they were able to spay three pregnant cats last week and in doing so avoided the birth of 13 kittens. She stated they will be taking more females over to be spayed and will start to address the problem cats at Osage Manor.

Business:

Purchase of Paint Striper: Richardson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Linelazer V250DC HP paint striper in the amount of \$37,997.00 from Crafc. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of a Trash (Flood) Pump: Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of a Multiquip MQ62 Trash (Flood) Pump utilizing Sourcewell National Purchasing contract number 041719-MTQ at a cost of \$18,500.85 plus shipping. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Lease Purchase of Street Sweeper: Richardson made a motion to approve of a lease purchase agreement for the lowest quoted interest rate of 4.10% with Emprise Bank for the purchase of a City Cat 5006 Purpose Built Street Sweeper for the Street Division, and authorize City Manager Josh Shaw to execute the lease agreement in accordance with K.S.A. 10-1116(b) et seq. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Martin: Martin thanked Street Foreman Mike Lunnam for filling in all of the pot holes and asked when the alley next to City Hall will be put back to normal. Lunnam stated the repair is small and will shut down the utility drive-thru for five days so he was going to coordinate that with the utility office and try to group it with other projects to save concrete costs.

Richardson: Richardson asked if anything was decided on installing a light at the Skate Park. Jones stated she would ask Shaw to follow up with the Council on that. Richardson stated that he heard from people saying that the agenda for tonight's meeting was not on the City website until today and he asked that they be put on there earlier.

Brown: Brown thanked Jones for reaching out to the local banks and including them in the lease purchase process.

Marr: Marr thanked staff for keeping the cost of purchasing the equipment down so we had more money to put down on the other purchases.

Adjourn: At 7:21 p.m., Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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City Clerk