

CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas met in regular session on March 18, 2024, with Mayor Mike Rawlings presiding. Council present were Mike Martin, Eric Birk, Bob Bailey, Shane Scott, Shawn Davis, and Jake Marr. Council members Kip Richardson and Jeff Brown 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, Assistant to the City Manager Shawna Cortez, Code Enforcement Officer Chris McNutt, and Susan Smith. Visitors: Pastor Loy Hoskins, Rose Mary Reynolds, Ryan Murry, Troy Brown and Tim Weber.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes: Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2024 Strategic Retreat Part 2 and March 4, 2024 City Council meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance: Bailey made a motion to approve Ordinance #3 dated March 13, 2024. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Visitors:

Officers Troy Brown and Tim Weber were present to be recognized for their promotions to full-time Sergeants within the Public Safety Department.

Business:

Project Performance Public Hearing for CDBG Grant: Marr made a motion to open the public hearing to take input regarding the performance of Grant No. 22-PF-003 for the acquisition of a fire truck. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. Marr made a motion to close the public hearing after no one came forward to speak. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Marr made a motion to authorize Mayor Rawlings to approve and execute the closeout documentation for Grant No. 22-PR-003. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

2024 Insurance Renewal: Davis made a motion to accept the bid proposal from ICI Insurance for the renewal of the City's 2024 Insurance Policy in the amount of \$533,887.00, not including the flood insurance policies. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of Wind Cone for Augusta Municipal Airport: Marr made a motion to approve the purchase of an Internally Lit LED Wind Cone (FAA Specification L-807) for Augusta

Municipal Airport at a cost of \$7,531.36. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Amendment to Lease Agreement for Advertising Sign: Davis made a motion to approve an amendment to Lease Agreement #09065, Lay Lease #BU44 between the City of Augusta, Kansas and Lamar Advertising Company, modifying the George Lay Sign Lease Agreement dated July 19, 1993, and authorize City Manager Josh Shaw to execute the agreement. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Ordinance No. 2233 Providing for the Cutting of Weeds and Vegetation and Assessing Charges: Marr made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2233 amending Article 2 of Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Augusta and providing for the cutting of weeds and vegetation and assessing charges for such cutting. Martin seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martin Yes, Birk Yes, Bailey Yes, Scott Yes, Davis Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Engineering Services Agreement with JEO for Pavement Management Plan: Martin made a motion to approve an engineering services agreement with JEO Consulting Group for creation of a new 10-year pavement management program. Birk seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Cereal Malt Beverage License Application: Davis made a motion to approve of a Cereal Malt Beverage License to sell Cereal Malt Beverages (CMB) for off premise consumption for Jumpstart Stores #28, located at 115 East 7th Avenue. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with Martin voting in opposition.

2023 Uniform Public Offense Code and Standard Traffic Ordinances: Marr made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2234 incorporating into City Code the 2023 edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance. Martin seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martin Yes, Birk Yes, Bailey Yes, Scott Yes, Davis Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Marr made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2235 incorporating into City Code the 2023 edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code. Martin seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martin Yes, Birk Yes, Bailey Yes, Scott Yes, Davis Yes, Marr Yes. Motion carried.

Matters From/For Council and Informational Memorandum:

Davis: Davis stated the 2nd annual pub crawl was this past Saturday and thanked the businesses involved and the community that came out to support it. He stated they had between 300-400 people down there for it and everyone had a good time. Davis stated the event raised over \$1,000 for the Historical Museum.

Rawlings: Rawlings asked if we could get brochures made up for the city that highlights the museums and the Arts Council. He suggested using our guest tax funds for those.

Scott: Scott stated he was contacted by a citizen about the alley behind the 1100 block of Henry stating that there are large potholes in the alley and asked for some gravel to be dumped there. Scott stated he was contacted regarding the trash can located downtown on the

northwest corner of 5th and State and said that there were issues with bees. Jones stated that staff was contacted regarding the cans and they were looking into the issue. Scott thanked the Public Safety Department for the pancake feed. He inquired about the status of the Common Consumption Ordinance. Shaw stated that Go Augusta is working on the signage for the consumption area downtown and that he will be discussing with Jayme Chapin later this week how to move forward. He stated that the paperwork has all been submitted to the State for the Common Consumption permit.

Davis: Davis stated he was asked by Richardson to inquire about a pothole at Dearborn and Augusta Avenue.

Bailey: Bailey thanked those Downtown for putting together the pub crawl. He enjoyed going downtown and participating. He also thanked Public Safety for the annual pancake feed.

Martin: Martin thanked the street guys for the work at the Kelly and State intersection. He stated it has made a world of difference and has not even driven on it yet. Martin asked if we are going to have any farmers markets downtown during the spring. Rawlings stated it was up to the private businesses. Scott stated that the Methodist church is having one. Shaw stated that there is a history as to why the farmer's markets are no longer happening. Jones stated that the State Department of Agriculture oversees farmer's markets and made several changes to the requirements that discouraged several people from having them as well as insurance requirements related to events.

Martin inquired about the concrete in the alley on Oak Street down by DJ. Shaw stated he would have to check in to that.

Rawlings: Rawlings stated that the Castle Park Project organizers are looking for volunteers for all aspects of the project, but are specifically looking for 6-8 crew leaders that can be there every day during the build from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Executive Session:

At 8:14 p.m. Davis made a motion to recess into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance to conduct the City Manager's 1st quarter check-in for his annual evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Davis 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 9:01 p.m. Marr seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

At 9:01 p.m. Marr made a motion to exit executive session where no action was taken. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

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

City Clerk