



CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers – 301 South Harrison St. San Augustine, TX 75972

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MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Leroy Hughes
Alderman Marcus Hafford
Alderman Pamela Teel
Alderman Juan Diaz
Alderman Herman Wilson
Alderman Dan Fussell
City Attorney Steven Poston
City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby
City Secretary Jeremy Lynch

A. Prayer

B. Pledge To the Flags

C. Welcome Guests

2. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. Please limit to three minutes each.

No presentations were made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Motion to approve minutes of previous meetings made by Teel, Seconded by Hafford.
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

A. 2/18/25 Regular Meeting

4. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

Chief Sowell gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of February, 2025. Activity included: 23 reports filed, 6 felony arrests, 6 misdemeanor arrests, 4 occasions of assisting other agencies, 308 calls for service answered, 4 auto accident reports filed, 28 citations written, and 120 warnings issued.

Chief Sowell also reported on issues resolved regarding El Potosino restaurant and Rivers Garage, and he stated that he had met with a representative from Immigration and Customs Enforcement who wanted to get word out that they are performing strategic strikes at people with felony warrants or other criminals, not mass deportations, and will start branching out from Houston and other areas soon.

B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of February, 2025. There were 26 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$1500.00. \$817.00 was remitted to state, \$683.00 was kept by the City.

C. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Shelby Curtis reported that the Volkswagen group will arrive in town on Thursday at about 4:00 PM. A plaque will be given to them, and they will stay at Mission Dolores for the night.

Main Street is in the final days of planning for the Heritage Days festival. There will be vendors and sidewalk sales that Friday, and Saturday will be the full festival.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Celeste Rainey reported that 1100 people came through the library in February. So far 654 have visited in March. Evergreen Resources is sending an intern from SFA to gather information connected with chances of getting more grants. He will be visiting us and other libraries from neighboring counties for about a month. Tori has started planning summer reading programs. Celeste is still going to Head Start on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the Broadus daycare on Wednesdays. The library is going to share a booth at the Heritage Days festival with Evergreen Resources. Tori has started a new "Iditaread" challenge reading program that a couple of kids have already completed. The homeschool group is still visiting every other week.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

Mrs. Mosby reported that all of the grants the City has going are active.

The vehicles that were okayed for the electric department have been purchased and are being used. One member of the electric department has left for another job, but a replacement may already be lined up. The old department vehicles have already been put up for bids.

The financial reports were provided, discussion followed.

The first round of AMI meters have been ordered for route 1. The hope is to have them all in by the end of September but no later than the end of December.

There were discussions about the traffic light in front of Brookshire Brothers, potholes in the streets and what is being done to fix them, the fund set aside to help offset high electric bills, electric boxes at the baseball park, and the one-way signs for the square.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2025-001 Authorizing an Exemption from City Ad Valorem Taxes for Properties Containing Qualifying Child-care Facilities for the Tax Year 2024 and Each Tax Year Thereafter; Providing for Severability; Providing for a Savings Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Mrs. Mosby explained the details of the ordinance, discussion followed.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-001 authorizing a 100% exemption from city ad valorem taxes for properties containing qualifying child-care facilities for the tax year 2024 and each tax year thereafter; providing for severability; providing for a savings clause; and providing an effective date made by Fussell, Seconded by Diaz.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

- B. Discuss Ordinance 2025-002 Adopting The City of San Augustine Investment Policy

Mrs. Mosby explained the specifics of the ordinance, discussion followed.

Motion to table the item made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council went into executive session at 5:43 PM.

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Update on Termination of Vendor Agreement
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters; Overview of Personnel

7. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION IF ANY ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM #6

The council reconvened from executive session at 6:41 PM.

Motion to pay AIC Automation \$10,000.00 that is owed for equipment for the City, and that as soon as that payment is received, the equipment be delivered to the City, made by Fussell, Seconded by Wilson.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

Motion for the City to hire a consultant to check the condition of the work done by AIC Automation according to the contract made by Fussell, Seconded by Diaz.
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

Motion to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to continue to hold negotiations with AIC Automation made by Diaz, Seconded by Wilson.
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

No action was taken on item 6B.

8. ADJOURN

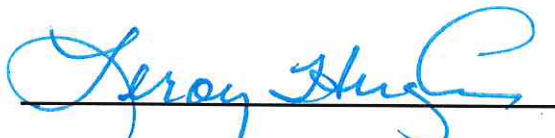
Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations About Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

I, the undersigned authority does hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the front door at City Hall of the City of San Augustine, TX, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

_____ by _____ and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Jeremy Lynch - City Secretary, City of San Augustine, Texas


Leroy Hughes, Mayor


Jeremy Lynch, City Secretary