



## CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 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 5:00 PM.

##### PRESENT

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

##### ABSENT

City Attorney Wade Flawsowski

- 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.

Jackie Bell spoke about the investigation into the City by the Attorney General's office and thanked the City officials for their service.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

Motion passed.

- A. 3/19/24 Regular Meeting

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

###### A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

Lieutenant Pruitt spoke on behalf of Chief Sowell and gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of March, 2024. Activity included: 18 reports filed, 3 felony arrests, 8 misdemeanor arrests, 6 occasions of assisting other agencies, 289 calls for service answered, 30 citations written, 127 warnings issued, and completed 1 mental health warrant.

As part of the effort to form a Special Response Team, Officers George Watson and Weston Meier completed a 60 hour course over 5 days and were recognized for this achievement. Chief Sowell pinned their SWAT badges.

###### B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of March, 2024. There were 23 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$898.00. \$587.00 was remitted to state, \$311.00 was kept by the City.

###### C. Update on Main Street Program

Board Member Marshall McMillan gave the Main Street report. Windows on Main Street will be unveiled on April 18th. The Heritage Days Festival will be held on April 19th and 20th.

###### D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Tori Brazeal reported on the library's activities for March 2024. 611 patrons were served, over 100 of which came to use the computers. 5 new library cards were issued and several more were updated. A book sale was set up in the library for National Libraries Week and was extended another week due to bad weather. Celeste Rainey is attending the state library conference and will be speaking on a panel for new directors. Evergreen is breaking ground on construction of the tower behind the library to bring in new internet service, which will hopefully be up by the first of May.

###### E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

Mrs. Mosby reported that the City has been awarded \$1.694 million that will be used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City is in the early stages of paperwork and environmental studies for this project.

Buster Consford will not be retiring as City Inspector.

Work is being done at the little league baseball park. The parking lot has been striped and will eventually get more lights and signs.

The study on the new school addition has been finished. It will be solely in the city and will not place any stress on the Black Ankle substation. Schneider Engineering is

working with Supervisor Kelton Boulware to ensure the proper size transformers and other equipment are used. Contractors will be brought in to extend the line.

The PUC line inspection report is in. Additional poles need to be added, some sections need to be respanned, and one pole needs to be replaced.

The new gas station at the corner of Hwy 96 and FM 1277 will open soon.

The City's electrical rate study was presented at last week's called meeting. Copies of the slide show that Schneider Engineering presented are available at City Hall. Only a few minor changes were recommended.

There were short discussions about what costs the new school would be expected to pay for and what the money for the Wastewater Treatment Plant would go toward. There was a discussion about speed limits being enforced on city streets, mowing alongside streets, and properties that are not being maintained. There was a discussion about city employees getting paid extra to mow around the city.

## 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### A. Approve New Main Street Board Member Rod McLerran Replacing Dawn Glover

Motion to approve Rod McLerran to replace Dawn Glover on Main Street Board made by Wilson, Seconded by Hafford.

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

Motion passed.

### B. Whippoorwill Drive Petition - Theresa Larkin

Theresa Larkin presented a petition signed by those who live on Whippoorwill Drive to request that the City give Whippoorwill back to Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative. She then explained why Whippoorwill was on City electric despite being outside the city limits and her attempt to get electric services with the Co-Op. After a lengthy back-and-forth discussion, it was recommended to Ms. Larkin that she meet with Mrs. Mosby and the Co-op to determine what it would take for Whippoorwill to get Co-op electric services, and for the rest of the Whippoorwill residents to express their interest to the Co-op as well.

### C. Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant - Chris Anding

Chris Anding made a presentation explaining that the boat ramp at City Lake is the only public access citizens have to the lake. He proposed that the City look into applying for a grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife to help fund the construction of a lighted fishing pier.

Motion to allow the City to look for grants and determine what surveys might be needed made by Diaz, Seconded by Wilson.

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

Motion passed.

D. Approve Mileage Rate Increase from \$0.56 to \$0.67

Mrs. Mosby explained that the state mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.67, while the City is still paying \$0.56.

Motion to increase Mileage Rate to \$0.67 made by Hafford, Seconded by Diaz.  
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

E. Approve Purchase of 2012 International 2-Man Bucket Truck

Mrs. Mosby explained that the city currently has two 1-man bucket trucks in service. The City also has two 2-man bucket trucks, one of which is unable to be put into service, the other not cost efficient to keep in service. The City is currently renting a used 2-man bucket truck from Atlas Rental and Sales that is in much better condition and available for a good price. She recommended purchasing this used truck rather than buying a brand new one.

Motion to purchase the used 2-man bucket truck made by Hafford, Seconded by Diaz.  
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

F. Approve Purchase of FundView Software

Motion to purchase FundView Software made by Fussell.


Discussion followed. Mrs. Mosby recommended waiting until the next fiscal year since the current system is already up for renewal. This would allow for more time to implement the new system without losing access to the old system.

Motion withdrawn by Fussell.

6. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

  
Leroy Hughes, Mayor

  
Jeremy Lynch, City Secretary