

CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 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 5:04 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Leroy Hughes

Alderman Marcus Hafford

Alderwoman Pamela Teel

Alderman Juan Diaz

Alderman Herman Wilson

Alderman Dan Fussell (arrived late)

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 Diaz, Seconded by Hafford. Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson

Motion passed.

A. 12/17/24 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 December, 2024. Activity included: 17 reports filed, 5 felony arrests, 2 misdemeanor arrests, 2 occasions of assisting other agencies, 318 calls for service answered, 3 juvenile case filed, 1 auto accident report filed, 17 citations written, 123 warnings issued, and 1 completed mental health warrant.

B. 2024 Racial Profiling Report Presentation - Chief Jonathan Sowell

Chief Sowell reported that the department was in compliance with the Sandra Bland Act, a necessity to submit the Racial Profiling Report this year. The report has been submitted to the State and has been accepted. The full report was provided to the council members.

C. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of December, 2024. There were 16 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$220.00. \$123.00 was remitted to state, \$97.00 was kept by the City. Discussion about fees collected and remitted followed.

D. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Mrs. Mosby gave the update for Main Street. The Annual Assessment to receive accreditation will be turned in this Friday. Heritage Days is set for April 11th and 12th. The County has approved the use of their grounds for the festival. Vendors have been contacted. Main Street has also been contacted about a Volkswagen group will be doing a 2025 El Camino Real de los Tejas VW Road Trip from March 17th and end in San Augustine on March 20th.

E. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Mrs. Mosby gave the update for the library. There is a new "teen area" and sitting area in the Fiction section. They had a successful Christmas Open House. The homeschool group is growing and still coming in every other week. Story times have started; Tori is doing a new Tiny Tots activity with 6 - 24-month-olds, as well as the 3 - 5-year-olds. Celeste is still visiting Head Start and the daycare in Broaddus. They've hired Kaci McElhaney and she's proving to be a great addition. Nancy Krone retired. In 2024, 100 new library cards were issued and 7923 patrons came through the doors. So far in January, 475 patrons have come through the doors. The library will be sharing a booth with Evergreen Resources for the Heritage Festival.

F. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

Mrs. Mosby reported that City Hall opened a little late today due to weather but did not have to close early.

So far the City has not had any outages. There have been no leaks as of yet, but those are unlikely to show up until later in the week when everything has thawed out. There

are some existing issues that still require attention. The only electrical outage was due to a squirrel.

The City has requested an extension on the grant for the 16 inch water line until January 2027 because some of the environmental preparations have taken longer than expected.

Preliminary work on the sidewalk project has been started.

Regarding the bridge in front of City Hall, KSA has sent their surveyors to survey it.

There was a discussion about the restricted account and the revenue and expenditure report.

There was a discussion about animal control options within the City.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Proclaim January 2025 as San Augustine School Board Recognition Month in the City of San Augustine

Mrs. Mosby explained the proclamation.

Motion to proclaim January 2025 as San Augustine School Board Recognition Month in the City of San Augustine made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford. Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

B. Approve Agreement with KSA for Sewer Improvements

Mrs. Mosby explained what the agreement entailed. Further explanation and discussion followed.

Motion to approve agreement with KSA for sewer improvements made by Hafford, Seconded by Teel.

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

Motion passed.

C. Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

Mrs. Mosby explained the final pieces of the audit that had not been ready to present the previous month. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Diaz, Seconded by Teel. Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council went into executive session at 5:46 PM.

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Vendor Agreement

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

The council reconvened from executive session at 6:06 PM.

Motion to terminate AIC Automation Agreement #1643B dated 1/23/2019 with a written notice made by Diaz, Seconded by Fussell. Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Leroy Hughes, Mayor

Jéremy Lynck, City Secretary