



# CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM

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

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## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM.

#### PRESENT

Mayor Leroy Hughes  
Alderman Marcus Hafford  
Alderman Juan Diaz (arrived late)  
Alderman Herman Wilson  
Alderman Dan Fussell  
City Attorney Steven Poston  
City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby  
City Secretary Jeremy Lynch

#### ABSENT

Alderwoman Pamela Teel

- A. Prayer
- B. Pledge To the Flags
- C. Welcome Guests

### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Open Public Hearing on FY 2024-2025 Budget

Public Hearing opened at 5:04 PM.

City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby spoke about a slight change to the proposed budget due to a change in the numbers for the employees' health insurance. Discussion followed.

- B. Close Public Hearing on FY 2024-2025 Budget

Public Hearing closed at 5:14 PM.

- C. Open Public Hearing on No New Revenue Tax Rate for Year 2024 of \$0.432306 per \$100

Public Hearing opened at 5:14 PM.

No comments were made.

- D. Close Public Hearing on No New Revenue Tax Rate for Year 2024 of \$0.432306 per \$100

Public Hearing closed at 5:15 PM.

### **3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONVENE OPEN MEETING**

### **4. 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.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

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

Motion passed.

- A. 8/20/24 Regular Meeting

### **6. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

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

Chief Sowell introduced Officer José Ocon to the Council. Judge Cox swore in Officer Ocon and Chief Sowell presented him with his San Augustine Police Department badge.

Chief Sowell then gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of August, 2024. Activity included: 15 reports filed, 2 felony arrests, 2 misdemeanor arrests, 5 occasions of assisting other agencies, 274 calls for service answered, 23 citations written, 136 warnings issued, 3 code enforcement cases opened, and 3 code enforcement cases closed.

Chief Sowell also thanked the Council and the City of San Augustine for allowing them to help the Sheriff's Office after the death of Deputy Charles Goodwin.

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

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of August, 2024. There were 23 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$350.00. \$130.00 was remitted to state, \$220.00 was kept by the City.

- C. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Shelby Curtis gave an update on the Smithsonian exhibit. About 1330 people have visited the exhibit to this point. There have been guest speakers at the theater every Friday at 3:00 PM that have had good turnouts. Numerous school groups of all ages have come to tour the exhibit and other areas of interest. The 9/11 Memorial was held in honor of Glenda Harrison and had a good turnout. Officer Weston Meier was honored as Responder of the Year, and the Sheriff's office was gifted a plaque for Deputy Charles Goodwin.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Celeste Rainey reported there is a group of homeschoolers from surrounding areas that do activities together that come to the library every other week and take part in a reading program that has been provided for them. 434 people visited the library during August, 400 so far in September, including 48 and 15 the past two days. 80 new library cards have been issued this year, included 13 to a class from San Augustine and 13 to a class from Chireno. The library is helping with the Smithsonian tours. The teledoc room at the library is almost completed, which will give people a private meeting area for free. Storytime for 3-5 year-olds is starting in October. Stroller time for 1-3 year-olds will start in January. Story time is also being provided at Light the Way daycare in Broadus, and will be provided at Head Start in San Augustine starting in October. The Friends of the Library are giving the children's library a makeover. The library will share a booth with Evergreen Resources at the Sassafras festival.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby gave an update on the metering issue with WhatABurger, explaining what was found and how the issue was corrected. A discussion followed about the bad meters and the upcoming AMI meters.

The new sign at the Civic Center belongs to Evergreen. They are installing internet at there, which will provide the Chamber of Commerce, as well as anyone that rents the building, with free internet.

New flooring has been put in the hallway at City Hall.

Mrs. Mosby is still talking with Deep East Texas Electric Co-op about the potential sale of Whippoorwill. No meeting has been scheduled as of yet.

The revenue information for the month was supplied to council. Discussion followed.

## 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Consider Approval of Ordinance Adopting Budget for the City of San Augustine for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Motion to approve ordinance adopting budget for the City of San Augustine for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 made by Wilson, discussion followed. Motion seconded by Hafford. Voting Yea: Hafford, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

- B. Consider Approval of Ordinance Establishing Increased Minimums (Availability Charges), Rates, and Charges for Water, Wastewater (Sewer), Security Lights, and Electrical Services

Mrs. Mosby detailed the proposed rate changes.

Motion to approve ordinance establishing increased minimums (availability charges), rates, and charges for water, wastewater (sewer), security lights, and electrical services made by Hafford, Seconded by Fussell.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

- C. Consider Approval of Ordinance to Adopt the No New Revenue Tax Rate for Year 2024 of \$0.432306 per \$100

Motion to approve ordinance to adopt the No New Revenue Tax Rate for Year 2024 of \$0.432306 per \$100 made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

- D. Pass a Resolution to Authorize the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce Sassafras Festival

Mrs. Mosby explained the resolution.

Motion made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

- E. Select Candidate for TML Region 16 Director Election

Stephen Crowell Hemphill mayor

Motion to vote for Stephen Crowell made by Fussell, Seconded by Diaz.

Voting Yea: Hafford, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

## 8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 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.

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