



CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 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 5:04 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Leroy Hughes
Alderman Pamela Teel
Alderman Juan Diaz
Alderman Herman Wilson
City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby
City Secretary Jeremy Lynch

ABSENT

Alderman Marcus Hafford
Alderman Dan Fussell
City Attorney Wade Flasowski

- 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.

Herman Wilson expressed concerns over a lack of speed limit signs for smaller streets, as well as people inconveniently parking on those streets.

Steven Hayes requested that something be done about putting one-way street signs on the square where appropriate to keep people from driving the wrong way.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

Motion passed.

A. 09/17/24 Regular Meeting

4. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

Chief Sowell reported that he had successfully completed the first phase of chief school. He will take the second stage in July in San Antonio.

He reported that the video cameras donated by DPS are operational. The new body cam program is operational.

B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of September, 2024. There were 26 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$1245.00. \$417.00 was remitted to state, \$828.00 was kept by the City.

C. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Shelby Curtis reported that about 3000 people came to the Smithsonian exhibit, including kids from schools in the surrounding areas. Main Street will have a booth at the Sassafras Festival. Shelby will be going to Abilene for the Texas Downtown conference at the end of the month. Plans have begun for the Christmas parade.

After the Library report, Ms. Teel suggested that the parade be held earlier so the floats without lights can be seen better. Mayor Hughes suggested that the parade route be stretched out to avoid gridlock.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Celeste Rainey reported that 700 people visited the library during September, 300 so far in October. 150 people used the computers in September, 174 so far in October. 77 new library cards have been issued this year. A group of homeschoolers from surrounding areas that do activities together that come to the library every other week for different activities. The private conference room is completed and can be used for telecon or Zoom calls for no charge and can be reserved. Celeste is visiting Head Start twice a week now, and she is visiting Light the Way daycare in Broadus once a week. The Friends of the Library has sponsored the repainting of the children's library. The library will share a booth with Evergreen Resources at the Sassafras Festival. They will participate in Trunk or Treat on the square. They will have a table at the Head Start fall festival. They will participate in the Christmas parade. \$1000 worth of books was purchased with the HEB/TLA grant. The Friends of the Library received a donation of \$1000 from Gordon Vaughn.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby reported on the TML Conference held in Houston and potential items that may be brought before the council later, including a machine that can be used to help fix streets without contractors. She signed up for a demonstration later in the year to see how it works.

The electrical guys worked at courthouse today to get ready for Sassafras to prevent outages caused by the numerous vendors set up during the festival.

Work is ongoing on the park on Park Street to get the basketball goals put back up. Work has started on getting lights put back up. Solar lights that are being used at the baseball park will be used initially. The playground equipment will be placed between the two picnic tables.

The new fiscal year has started and is going well so far.

The revenues and expenditures report was provided and discussed. The PCA this month was also discussed.

Whataburger may be open by the first of November.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Allow City Manager to Do a RFP for Contractors to Assist the Electrical Department

Mrs. Mosby explained that for projects that have labor costs over \$50,000, the City is required to take bids from contractors. Rather than wait to get a bid on a project in an emergency situation and have to bring it before the council, Mrs. Mosby recommended taking bids ahead and having the contractor already selected based on their proposed rate.

More discussion after Juan second

Motion to allow the City Manager to do a RFP for contractors to assist the Electrical Department made by Teel, discussion followed. Motion Seconded by Diaz, discussion followed.

Voting Yea: Teel, Diaz, Wilson

Motion passed.

B. Allow City Manager to Do a RFP for Contractors to Assist the Water/Wastewater Departments

Mrs. Mosby explained that this item was the same as the previous item, but for the water and wastewater departments. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Diaz, Seconded by Wilson.

Voting Yea: Teel, Diaz, Wilson

Motion passed.

6. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 5:39 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