



# CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 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

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

#### ABSENT

Mayor Leroy Hughes

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

### 2. GENERAL ELECTION

#### A. Canvass November 5, 2024 General Election

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Fussell presented the results of the November 5, 2024 election for approval:

<b>Mayor</b>									
Choice	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total		
Leroy Hughes	27	100.00%	269	100.00%	108	100.00%	404	100.00%	
Cast Votes:	27	100.00%	269	100.00%	108	100.00%	404	100.00%	
<b>Council, Position 1</b>									
Choice	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total		
Marcus J. Hafford	27	100.00%	237	100.00%	95	100.00%	359	100.00%	
Cast Votes:	27	100.00%	237	100.00%	95	100.00%	359	100.00%	

<b>Council, Position 2</b>								
Choice	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Pamela Nickleberry Teel	25	80.65%	194	58.43%	88	64.71%	307	61.52%
Troy "T.L." Roberts	6	19.35%	138	41.57%	48	35.29%	192	38.48%
Cast Votes:	31	100.00%	332	100.00%	136	100.00%	499	100.00%
<b>Council, Position 3</b>								
Choice	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Juan Diaz, Jr.	23	100.00%	247	100.00%	100	100.00%	370	100.00%
Cast Votes:	23	100.00%	247	100.00%	100	100.00%	370	100.00%
<b>Council, Position 4</b>								
Choice	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Herman Wilson	25	100.00%	267	100.00%	115	100.00%	407	100.00%
Cast Votes:	25	100.00%	267	100.00%	115	100.00%	407	100.00%
<b>Council, Position 5</b>								
Choice	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Dan Fussell	25	100.00%	278	100.00%	97	100.00%	400	100.00%
Cast Votes:	25	100.00%	278	100.00%	97	100.00%	400	100.00%

Motion to approve election results as presented made by Wilson, Seconded by Diaz.

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

Motion passed.

**B. City Secretary Administer Oath of Office and Issue Certificate of Election to Newly Elected Councilmembers**

City Secretary Jeremy Lynch administered the oath of office to the re-elected councilmembers. Mayor Hughes was not present, so his oath of office will be administered at the next council meeting.

**3. 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.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

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

Motion passed.

A. 10/15/24 Regular Meeting

**5. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

Chief Sowell then gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of October, 2024. Activity included: 26 reports filed, 15 felony arrests, 9 misdemeanor arrests, 5 occasions of assisting other agencies, 305 calls for service answered, 1 juvenile case filed, 2 auto accident reports filed, 28 citations written, 153 warnings issued, 1 code enforcement case opened, and 1 code enforcement case closed.

B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

In Judge Cox's absence, Mayor Pro Tem Fussell reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of October, 2024. There were 20 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$1470.00. \$707.00 was remitted to state, \$763.00 was kept by the City.

C. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Shelby Curtis reported that Main Street has been focused on Christmas. The Christmas parade will be held on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 PM. Christmas Market Days will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There will also be pictures with Santa and face painting on the day of the parade, and an ugly Christmas sweater contest for businesses and individuals.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Celeste Rainey reported that 675 people visited the library during October, 300 so far in November. 136 patrons used the computers during October, 50 so far in November. 80 new library cards have been issued this year. The homeschool group is still coming in every other week, and the kids get a free ice cream cone from San Augustine Drug when they complete the reading guide provided by Tori. The conference room has had a lot of use. Story Time for 3–5-year-olds and Stroller Time for 1–3-year-olds will start in January. Head Start visits will continue through the next school year. The upgrades to the children's library have been completed. The booth shared with Evergreen Resources was a great success at Sassafras. Trunk or Treat was also a great success, 400 bags of candy were passed out. Celeste passed out candy from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Head Start Fall Fest. The homeschool group has invited the library to ride on their float in the Christmas parade. the library has switched to a new catalog system that will be paid by a grant for the first 6 years. \$1000 worth of children's books was purchased with the HEB/TLA grant, and the Friends of the Library received a donation of \$1000 from Gordon and Wendy Vaughn to go toward children's books. Brenda Steptoe has retired, so Tori will be taking over the children's library. Kaci McElhaney has been hired to help with the front desk part time, as well as learn book repair since Nancy Krone is planning to retire in January.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

Mrs. Mosby reported that the electrical department has started putting up Christmas wreaths.

The street department has addressed the stop signs brought up in the last meeting.

TCEQ received an anonymous complaint about raw sewer traveling into the creek area at Ironosa across from Heart Institute. The source was an abandoned line that was

replaced 45-50 years ago that hadn't been capped off. There was a stoppage in the regular line that caused the issue, but there were no records of sewer complaints. Iribarren Ink came out and fixed the problem quickly enough that no fine was given from TCEQ.

Whataburger is planning to open on Thursday, November 21.

There was a discussion on revenues, expenses, and PCA.

The basketball backboards and nets are in, the electrical department has been busy and not able to get them put up yet.

There was a discussion about the Senior Citizen building.

## **6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **A. Pass a Resolution to Authorize the San Augustine Main Street Christmas Parade Route**

Shelby Curtis explained the changes to the parade route made from the previous year, as well as the setup for the parade. Discussion followed.

Motion to pass the resolution to authorize the San Augustine Main Street Christmas Parade Route made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford.

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

Motion passed.

### **B. Approve City of San Augustine Proposed 2025 Holiday Schedule**

Mrs. Mosby explained that the proposed holiday schedule included no additions or subtractions from the previous year.

Motion to approve City of San Augustine 2025 holiday schedule made by Hafford, Seconded by Teel.

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

Motion passed.

### **C. Award Bid for Contracted Aide to Electrical Department**

Mrs. Mosby explained the process that had been approved in the previous meeting of securing a contracted aide for projects too large for the City's electrical department to handle alone. Mrs. Mosby recommended Brexan Line Services, which was the only company to make a bid. Discussion followed.

Motion to award the contact to Brexan Line Services made by Wilson, Seconded by Hafford.

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

Motion passed.

### **D. Award Bid for Contracted Aide to Water/Wastewater Department**

Mrs. Mosby explained the specifics of this contract pertaining to the water and wastewater departments, as well as the details of the contract's length. Mrs. Mosby recommended Iribarren Ink, which was the only company to make a bid. Discussion followed.

Motion to award the contact to Iribarren Ink made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford. Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

## **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into executive session at 5:38 PM.

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Potential Sale of Whippoorwill & Surrounding Areas

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

Council reconvened from executive session at 6:02 PM.

No action was taken concerning the executive session.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 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**