



CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 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 (arrived late)
City Attorney Wade Flasowski
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. GENERAL ELECTION

- A. City Secretary Administer Oath of Office to Mayor and Issue Certificate of Election to Newly Elected Councilmembers

City Secretary Jeremy Lynch administered the oath of office to the re-elected Mayor Hughes. The mayor and all councilmembers were given their Certificates of Election.

4. 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, Fussell

Motion passed.

A. 11/19/24 Regular Meeting

5. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

Chief Sowell reported that Officer Pruitt had resigned from the Lieutenant position.

Chief Sowell then gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of November, 2024. Activity included: 33 reports filed, 3 felony arrests, 5 misdemeanor arrests, 3 occasions of assisting other agencies, 274 calls for service answered, 3 juvenile case filed, 2 auto accident reports filed, 14 citations written, 150 warnings issued, 2 code enforcement cases opened, and 2 code enforcement cases closed.

B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of November, 2024. There were 13 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$1970.00. \$999.00 was remitted to state, \$971.00 was kept by the City.

Judge Cox then reported a few of the things he had learned after attending the Municipal Judges Conference in Tyler.

C. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Shelby Curtis reported on the Christmas parade and that it went well. She has started planning for Heritage Days, which will be April 11th and 12th, 2025.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Celeste Rainey invited everyone to the library's open house event the following day from 10:00 to 4:00. Kaci McElhaney has been hired as part time help to run the front desk and book repair. Tori Brazeal has moved to the Children's Library, and Nancy Krone has retired. 95 new library cards have been issued this year. The homeschoolers are still coming every other week; Celeste and Tori rode with them on their float in the Christmas parade. Story time for 3 - 5 year olds will be starting on January 8th, and there will be a stroller time for 1 - 3 year olds starting in January as well. Celeste is still visiting Head Start on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 600 people visited the library during November, 400 so far in December. 95 people used the computers in November. The new conference room is being used 3 - 4 times a week. A refund was received for the old cataloging system. A meeting was held with Evergreen and a group from SFA on

rural innovation. An intern from SFA spent time at the library and schools to observe and learn what other programs kids need.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby reported that Lewis Johnson will be retiring. His last day will be January 3rd.

The City has been working with the school on the new building's construction. The sewer connection is complete, the water connection is almost complete, and the electric part will be started around the 1st of January. The City will add a 3rd metering point with the Co-op, and the school will, as of this time, be the only connection on the 3rd point. The transformer has arrived. The school will cover all expenses for the construction of the new line and connection.

There was a discussion about the monthly revenue and expenditure report that was included, as well as some work the City had done at the baseball park.

There was a discussion about Tri-County and the monthly bills.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve New Main Street Board Member Suzanne Sowell

Shelby explained that Ms. Sowell had helped with the Smithsonian event and asked for her appointment to the Main Street Board.

Motion to appoint Suzanne Sowell to the Main Street Board made by Fussell,
Seconded by Wilson.

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

Motion passed.

B. City Concerns from Aldermen Wilson and Hafford

I. Removal of Garbage on City Streets

II. Other concerns

Alderman Wilson expressed concerns about trash along the streets. Discussion followed concerning the City workers picking up the trash, having Police patrol more to try and prevent the littering, and utilizing community service to pick up trash.

No formal action was taken.

C. Approve Updated Distributed Generation Guidelines

Mrs. Mosby explained the changes made to the Guidelines.

Motion to approve the Updated Distributed Generation Guidelines made by Diaz,
Seconded by Teel.
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

D. Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

Auditor Kim Johnson and Jeaneyse explained the results of the audit, along with discussion with the council. The final report has not quite been completed.

Motion to table approving the audit made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford.
Voting Yea: Hafford, Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Motion passed.

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 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