



CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING + BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 19, 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 - REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Leroy Hughes
Alderman Marcus Hafford
Alderman Pamela Teel
Alderman Juan Diaz
Alderman Herman Wilson
Alderman Dan Fussell
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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

Motion passed.

A. 7/15/25 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 July, 2025. Activity included: 30 reports filed, 17 felony arrests, 10 misdemeanor arrests, 5 occasions of assisting other agencies, 238 calls for service answered, 2 juvenile cases filed, 5 auto accident reports filed, 51 citations written, 206 warnings issued, 2 mental health warrant completed, 2 code enforcement cases opened, and 2 code enforcement case closed.

Officer Pruitt is continuing to work on code enforcement cases, and the department is helping police the school zones and campuses. Pending a background check, the open position in the department will be filled by Alexis Parnell, who will graduate from police academy in October.

B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of July, 2025. There were 44 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$1749.00. \$987.00 was remitted to state, \$762.00 was kept by the City.

C. Update on Main Street Program - Shelby Curtis

Shelby Curtis reported that all tables for the 9/11 memorial have been reserved, and all first responder tables have been sponsored. Once the memorial is over, preparations will begin for the upcoming Christmas parade.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Celeste Rainey reported on the conclusion of the summer reading program. The library hosted 1900 patrons in July, and so far in August they have had 687. Celeste is still going to the Broadus daycare on Wednesdays, and she has resumed going to Head Start on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will also start going to the new Little Lambs daycare in San Augustine once they are open. Story Time at the library will pick up in the fall, and the homeschool group starts back on September 8th. KTRE came to the library on August 15th to interview Kylie Wright, a local child author who has published a book on Tourette's syndrome. The children's books from the HEB grant are starting to come in.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

Mrs. Mosby reported that she has been working with Communities Unlimited to try and get USDA grants for water, wastewater, and electric grants.

The guys in the field have been doing regular maintenance. The street department has been filling potholes.

The sidewalk project is going well and looks good.

There were discussions on the financial report, specifically about electricity sold vs electricity purchased, the AMI meters being put in, and the causes of rising bills.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. If Proposed Tax Rate Exceeds the Voter Approval Rate or the No New Revenue Rate (whichever is lower), Take Record Vote to Place Proposed Tax Rate/Increase on Future Agenda and Set Public Hearing for September 16, 2025

Mrs. Mosby explained that the No New Revenue rate was lower this year. Discussion followed.

Motion to approve the No New Revenue tax rate made by Fussell, Seconded by Wilson.

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

Motion passed.

- B. Consider and Act Upon Award of Construction Contract for the GLO CDBG-MIT Disaster Recovery Project – Water Plant Pump Station, Transmission Main, and Light Plant Booster Station (GLO Contract No. 22-085-073-D332)

Danny Hays of KSA Engineering explained the project and the bidding process, as well as budget concerns. Discussion followed.

Motion to table the item for 30 days made by Fussell, Seconded by Diaz.

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

Motion passed.

- C. Consider Bids for Harrison Street Culvert Replacement Project

Mrs. Mosby recommended the council reject the bids and detailed a counter proposal. Danny Hays added extra explanation. Discussion followed.

Motion to reject all bids made by Diaz, Seconded by Hafford.

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

Motion passed.

- D. Split Council Election Terms to End in Alternating Years Starting After 2026 Election

Mrs. Mosby explained the item and the options available. Discussion followed.

Motion to stagger the council terms by granting seats 1, 3, and 5 a 3-year term in the 2026 election made by Fussell, Seconded by Hafford.

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

Motion passed.

- E. Consider Approval of Conditions of Severance Agreement for Salaried Positions

Mrs. Mosby explained the details and reasoning for the proposed agreement. Discussion followed.

Motion to reject the approval of conditions of the severance agreements made by Diaz,
Seconded by Fussell.

Voting Yea: Teel, Diaz, Wilson, Fussell

Voting Abstaining: Hafford

Motion passed.

F. Introduction of Texas House Bill 1522

Mrs. Mosby explained the details of the bill and how it concerns the City. No action was required.

6. ADJOURN - REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

7. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - BUDGET WORKSHOP

Budget Workshop called to order at 6:10 PM.

A. Welcome Guests

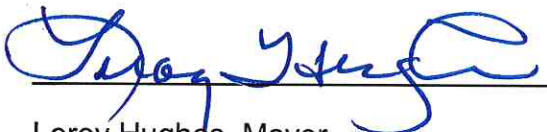
8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Review and Discuss FY 2025 - 2026 Budget

City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby and the Council discussed the budget, primarily concerning the money needed to finish the water plant project, potential rate changes, what to do about the City Secretary and IT roles within the City, the new building for the fire department, and potential cost of living adjustments for employees. Mrs. Mosby answered questions from the Council and citizens that were present.

9. ADJOURN - BUDGET WORKSHOP

Budget Workshop adjourned at 7:16 PM.


Leroy Hughes, Mayor
Jeremy Lynch, City Secretary