

February 17, 2015

A G E N D A

1. Call Meeting To Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge To The Flags
4. Welcome Guest
5. 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 two minutes each.
6. Approval Of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
7. Update on Police Department Activity
8. Judge Betty Loggins – Update On Municipal Court Activity
9. Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program
10. Victor Guzman, WESCO Distribution – Presentation On Utility Meters
11. Discussion and Action If Any Regarding A Resolution To Submit A 2015-2016 TxCDBG Grant Application To The Texas Department of Agriculture
12. Discussion and Action If Any To Approve Finalization Of List Of Goals For City
13. Discussion and Action If Any To Approve Tax Abatement For Rudy's Truck Stop
14. Executive Session
  - §551.074 Personnel Matters – City Manager Position
15. Adjourn

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).

The City of San Augustine held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Alderman Joe Verhalen was absent.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Alderwoman	Valencia Price
Alderwoman	Pamela Teel
Alderman	Mike Malone
Alderman	Dan Fussell
Attorney	Wade Flasowski
City Secretary	Cinda Garner

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hughes offered prayer.

The pledge to the flags was recited in unison.

Mayor Hughes welcomed guest.

Guest present were:

Chris Anding	Tracy Cox	Jessee Fountain
Brent Craig	Victor Guzman	C’Aira Barnes
Loretta Hughes	Samye Johnson	Stephen Hayes

**5. Citizens Presentations**

There were no citizens comments.

**6. Approval Of Minutes Of Previous Meeting(s)**

Alderman Mike Malone offered the motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular meeting and February 11, 2015 called meeting with corrections to the goal planning with a handout presented. Alderwoman Pamela Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were, Alderwoman Valencia Price, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Malone, and Alderman Dan Fussell. Motion carried.

**7. Update On Police Department Activity**

Chief of Police Gary Fountain gave an update on the police department’s activity for the month of January. Activity included: cases filed 18; 4 felony arrests; 7 misdemeanor arrests; 4 assist other agencies; 70 responses on calls for service; 1 juvenile case; 1 auto accident response/report; 49 citations; and 35 warnings.

**8. Judge Betty Loggins – Update On Municipal Court Activity**

Judge Loggins was absent and Mayor Hughes reported 42 citations and collections of \$3854.81 for the month of January.

**9. Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program**

Main Street Manager Tracy Cox gave an update on the Main Street Program. Activity for the month of January included committee meetings of the Advisory Boards; Junk in the Trunk was a great success; added 4 large backless benches and 1 with back; recipient of the Main Street Texas Capitol Fund; TxDot improvements to begin around midyear; Imogene's Café is opening a drive through window; a Parcel and Package company is opening a store next to Imogene's Café; State Insurance is going to paint and put up new signage; Grace Church is planning on restoring the front façade with new signage and taking down some of the added trim; The San Augustine County Historical Society is continuing to restore the barber shop; Haley Furniture is planning to paint the side of the building with a new advertising sign and put up a new sign on the front of the building; Mike Perry Kawasaki purchased a building to house and sell four wheelers; new business will open in the Simon Building to sell children's clothing and hair stylist combination and finalizing plans for A Texas Treasure Heritage Festival to be held in May.

**10. Victor Guzman, WESCO Distribution – Presentation On Utility Meters**

Victor Guzman and Brent Craig, Sales Director for Elster gave a presentation on digital electric and water utility meters. Elster is an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) company that provides smart metering that sends meter readings remotely directly to your office instead of the use of a hand-held device walking down the street. Data will be provided daily which will help with detection of leaks, theft or other problems in the system provided by an alert. He explained how the system will work for the City. The system will eliminate the need to have a meter reader manually going out and reading meters. Some advantages of changing to the system are, outdated and older meters will be replaced with new and more accurate ones; remote meter reading; flexible bill schedules, off-cycle reads; remote trouble shooting; outages and restoration; connect and disconnect; conservation voltage reduction; and volt control.

**11. Discussion and Action If Any Regarding A Resolution To Submit A 2015-2016 TxCDBG Grant Application To The Texas Department Of Agriculture**

The council was given a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Fund and authorizing the mayor to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The application will be for \$275,000.00 of grant funds for water and/or sewer system improvements. Alderman Fussell offered the motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Price seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Price, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Malone, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

**12. Discussion and Action If Any To Approve Finalization Of List Of Goals For City**

The council met on February 11, 2015 in a goal planning retreat and a list of goals was established to be presented to the new city manager. A list of the goals was given to each council member. Alderman Malone offered the motion to approve the finalization of the list of goals for the City. Alderwoman Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Price, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Malone, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

**13. Discussion and Action If Any To Approve Tax Abatement For Rudy's Truck Stop**

Mayor Hughes advised the council that Dick Rudisill, owner of Rudy's Truck Stop being built on Hwy. 96 North, asked the City for a tax abatement to help recover funds he will provide to concrete the portion of West Barrett Street that will be used for large truck entrance. The mayor does not have details on the abatement as it relates to term or amounts, but asked the council for permission to offer a tax abatement to Mr. Rudisill. Alderman Malone offered the motion to give Mayor Hughes authority to work with Mr. Rudisill to work out a tax abatement agreement to pay for his portion of the concrete work. Alderman Fussell seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Price, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Malone, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

14. **Executive Session - §551.074 Personnel Matters – City Manager Position**

The council entered into executive session at 6:00 p.m.

15. The council reconvened into regular session at 6:20 p.m. With no action to be taken, the meeting was adjourned.