

May 21, 2019

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 Loretta Biggers – Update On Municipal Court Activity
9. Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program
10. Update From City Manager John Camp. (This includes update impact of the April 24 tornado.)
11. Discussion and Action If Any To Select Grant Administrator For The TxCDBG FAST Grant Application
12. Discussion and Action If Any To Revoke The Temporary Hardship Exemption To City Ordinance 278 Granted In The February Meeting (02/19/19 Item 11) For A Travel Trailer Used As A Residence On Highway 96 As Requested By Arthur Watts. Revocation To Be Effective May 31, 2019.
13. Discussion and Action If Any To Select A Budget Workshop Date For The Initial Submission Of The 2019-2020 City Budget.
14. 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, May 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Alderman Mark Liepman was absent.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Alderman	Marcus Hafford
Alderwoman	Pamela Teel
Alderman	Stacy Watts
Alderman	Dan Fussell
Attorney	Tyler Bryan
City Manager	John Camp
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:

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Wylma Hewett	Romonía Barnes	

5. **Citizens Presentations**

There were no citizens presentations.

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

Alderman Marcus Hafford offered the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Alderman Stacy Watts seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Pamela Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Dan Fussell. Motion carried.

7. **Update on Police Department Activity**

Chief of Police Gary Fountain gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of April. Activity included: cases filed 34; 3 felony arrests; 7 misdemeanor arrests; 11 assist other agencies; 253 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile case; 2 auto accident response/report; 45 citations; and 33 warnings.

8. **Judge Loretta Biggers – Update On Municipal Court Activity**

Mayor Hughes reported 35 citations and collections of \$5,834.50 for the month of April.

9. Tracy Cox – Update On Main Street Program

Tracy Cox was absent.

10. Update From City Manager John Camp

City Manager John Camp gave an update of city activity to the council. Activity included:

- **Budget Update** – The council was provided monthly revenue and expenditures report showing the City is on track with the current budget through April 24. The tornado which struck on that day will drain reserves in both funds and delay the preparation of the next year budget until all the costs have come in from repair operations. Only a partial accounting is available at this time. We still have cost outstanding with some suppliers, Jasper-Newton Electric Co-op and the City of Hemphill. The total cost could be around \$750,000 depending on final billings.
- **FEMA Road Repair Grants** – Mr. Camp has a revised scope to approve from FEMA. He just received the change on Friday, May 17. He will have an update by the time of the next meeting.
- **Main Street Capital Fund Grant** – Next step is the environmental study which will be about 8 weeks. Public Comment will be solicited. THC has input as well.
- **Texas CDBG Grant** - Everything is done as much as can be, we are waiting for the application due date in October.
- **Clear Well Problem** – We are maintaining a “divide and conquer” approach to the problem. There is a PO for new plumbing to replace the 1978 valving between the pumps and piping to the new tanks. We will evaluate the next step at the completion of this phase.
- **Legal Update from City Attorney** – Attorney Bryan reported that Ms. Hanks has hired an attorney. Attorney Flasowski is communicating with her attorney.
- The Fire Dept reported 100 truck hours and 202 man hours during tornado recovery.
- Debris removal from the tornado will take approximately two months.

11. Discussion and Action If Any To Select Grant Administrator For The TxCDBG FAST Grant Application

Texas Department of Agriculture is in the process of releasing a new grant opportunity. It is called the Fire, Ambulance & Services Truck (FAST) Fund, will allow a grant application up to \$500,000 (with a \$5,000 required match), and there will be \$8,000,000 statewide for this fund. The match would be under next year’s budget. Mr. Camp suggested to table this item until later as the application needs to be multijurisdictional. Alderman Fussell offered the motion to table this item. Alderwoman Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and Action If Any To Revoke The Temporary Hardship Exemption To City Ordinance 278 Granted In The February Meeting (02/19/19 Item 11) For A Travel Trailer Used As A Residence On Highway 96 As Requested By Arthur Watts. Revocation To Be Effective May 31, 2019

Under Ordinance 278 the Council granted a Hardship Exemption to Mr. Watts in the 2019 February General Meeting. At that time Mr. Watts stated he would make other arrangements for living following the 6 months period. He also stated he would maintain the trailer with proper connections per code for power, and that he would have the sewage removed by a licensed carrier and not discharge black-water on the property. City Management has received numerous complaints about discharge of sewage which is illegal per TCEQ. Also, the trailer is only power supplied by an extension cord from an adjoining building. The location has deteriorated in appearance since that exception 3 months ago, and City Management does not see the compliance we had hoped for upon granting of the exemption. Mr. Camp

recommend the exemption be revoked as of May 31. This should give Mr. Watts adequate time to move it to his other site, and it will remove the liability of TCEQ enforcement upon the City. Alderman Fussell offered the motion the City revoke the Hardship Exemption for Arthur Watts granted in the February 2019 meeting. Revocation will be effective May 31, 2019, and after that time Citations will be issued in accordance with Ordinance 278. Alderman Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and Action If Any To Select A Budget Workshop Date For The Initial Submission Of The 2019-2020 City Budget

Alderman Fussell offered the motion to select May 28, 2019 for the budget workshop date for the initial submission of the 2019-2020 City Budget. Alderman Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.