

September 15, 2020

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 on Hurricane Laura Damages From City Manager John Camp
11. Discussion And Action If Any To Adopt The Property Tax Rate For 2020 Of 0.600305 Which Is The No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Per Senate Bill 2 (Formerly Effective Rate)
12. Discussion And Action If Any To Select a Banking Institution From Respondents to RFP Which Ended on August 17, 2020
13. Discussion and Action If Any For Scoping For The Community Development Block Grant For Mitigation With Explanation By KSA Engineering.
14. Discussion And Action If Any To Discontinue or Reduce Alderman Pay of \$100 Per Month
15. Discussion and Action If Any To Establish Staggered (Non-Cotermionous) Election Terms For All City Officers
16. Discussion And Action If Any To Allow The City Manager To Dispose Of Scrap Vehicles
17. 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, September 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Alderman	Marcus Hafford
Alderwoman	Pamela Teel
Alderman	Stacy Watts
Alderman	Mark Liepman
Alderman	Dan Fussell
Attorney	Wade Flasowski
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:

Stephen Hays	Shannon Brazeal	Jeaneyse Mosby
Danny Hays		

#### **5. Citizens Presentations**

There were no citizens presentations.

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

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

#### **7. Update on Police Department Activity**

Chief of Police Robert Brazeal gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of August. Activity included: reports filed 34; 3 felony arrests; 4 misdemeanor arrests; 12 assist other agencies; 140 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile case; 1 auto accident response/report; 20 citations; 40 warnings; and 0 completed mental health warrants. He also reported that during Hurricane Laura the Department was only out of approximately 2 hours of overtime. Reserve Officers helped in directing traffic flow.

#### **8. Judge Loretta Biggers - Update On Municipal Court Activity**

Mayor Hughes reported 16 citations and collections of \$330.00 for the month of August. Remitted to State - \$201.00 and City retention - \$129.00.

9. **Tracy Cox - Update on Main Street**

Tracy Cox was not in attendance.

10. **Update On Hurricane Laura Damages From City Manager John Camp**

City Manager Camp reported planning for utility restorations began on Monday, August 24 and continued until early in the morning when the storm struck on Thursday, August 27. City Management used crews from the City of Seguin to help with utility restoration. We had approximately 250 services out across town with south and east areas experiencing the most damage. The most severe local outages by loss of snapped utility poles was the City Lake area with further issues in Magnolia Park and back in the Rocky and Bierhalter areas. There were some spotty outages all over town, and most of the service was initially out due to problems outside town in areas nearer the center of the storm. Generation and transmission to the City was completely disrupted for the day. We received an invoice from the City of Seguin for \$26,866.84. The City of Seguin did not charge for any bucket trucks, digger trucks or other vehicles used. They charged a very reasonable rate for the workers they supplied.

There will be no FEMA assistance since our area was only declared a FEMA disaster for category B damages. This is the category for barricades for which we have no costs. Mr. Camp will continue to try to find funding from State or Federal sources to help pay for damages to the City's infrastructure caused by Hurricane Laura.

11. **Discussion And Action If Any To Adopt The Property Tax Rate For 2020 Of 0.600305 Which Is The No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Per Senate Bill 2 (Formerly Effective Rate)**

Alderman Liepman offered the motion to adopt the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.600305 for year 2020. Alderwoman Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, Alderman Liepman, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

12. **Discussion And Action If Any To Select a Banking Institution From Respondents to RFP Which Ended on August 17, 2020**

City Manager Camp received bids from three banking institutions, BBVA, Southside Bank, and Texas Bank and Trust in response to RFP which ended on August 17, 2020. After discussion, Mr. Camp recommended awarding the banking contract to Texas Bank and Trust. Alderman Fussell offered the motion to award the City's banking contract to Texas Bank and Trust. Alderman Liepman seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, Alderman Liepman, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

13. **Discussion and Action If Any For Scoping For The Community Development Block Grant For Mitigation With Explanation By KSA Engineering.**

Danny Hays with KSA Engineers discussed the above item with the council. The City qualify for approximately \$3,472,500 in grant money, because it is a mitigation grant the money will have to be used for a City-wide project that equally benefits everyone in town. Mr. Hays feels that the best

chance of the City getting funded is to apply for a grant that will improve the City's water distribution system and to improve drainage issues. There was no action taken on this item.

**14. Discussion And Action If Any To Discontinue or Reduce Alderman Pay of \$100 Per Month**

Alderman Liepman asked that the above item be placed on the agenda. He requested a vote from the council to discontinue the current \$100.00 per month received by the council. He feels that council members are on the City Council to "serve" and that these moneys can be used for more pressing and important uses. The council entered into executive session at 5:40 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney. Executive session ended at 5:53 p.m. and the council entered back into regular session. Alderman Liepman offered the motion to discontinue or reduce Alderman pay of \$100.00 per month. Alderman Fussell seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Liepman and Alderman Fussell. Voting against the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, and Alderman Watts. Motion failed.

**15. Discussion and Action If Any To Establish Staggered (Non-Coterminous) Election Terms For All City Officers**

Alderman Fussell asked that the above item be placed on the agenda. Election of Aldermen for the City are currently coterminous. It is suggested that the terms be staggered to prevent the possibility of a whole new board being elected at the same time. Since terms cannot be extended, someone will have to serve a short, one year term, by either volunteering or drawing lots. This will have to take place after the upcoming election. Alderman Fussell offered the motion to establish staggered election terms for all city officers. Alderman Liepman seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Liepman, and Alderman Fussell. Voting against the motion were Alderman Hafford and Alderman Watts. Motion carried.

**16. Discussion And Action If Any To Allow The City Manager To Dispose Of Scrap Vehicles**

Mr. Camp asked the Council for permission to dispose of scrap vehicles that are no longer in use with proceeds placed in the applicable department under vehicles. Alderman Watts offered the motion to allow the city manager to dispose of scrap vehicles. Alderman Fussell seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderman Watts, Alder Liepman, and Alderman Fussell. Alderwoman Teel had to leave the meeting early. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.