

October 20, 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 And Discussion Regarding Fine From The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) at the Waste Water Treatment Plant
11. Discussion And Action If Any To Approve Resolution For Texas Department of Transportation in Support of the Chamber of Commerce 2020 Sassafras Festival
12. Update And Discussion on Near Completion of Texas Capital Fund Mainstreet Sidewalk Project
13. Discussion and Action If Any Regarding City Utility Disconnects for Non-Payment During Coronavirus
14. Update and Discussion Of Coronavirus Relief Funding For San Augustine in 2020
15. Update and Discussion Of Application For The Hurricane Harvey Mitigation Grant From The Texas General Land Office (GLO)
16. 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, October 20, 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
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:

Tracy Cox	Shannon Brazeal	Loretta Biggers
Stephen Hays		

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

There were no citizens presentations.

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

Alderman Mark Liepman offered the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s). Alderwoman Pamela Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Marcus Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Stacy Watts, Alderman 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 September. Activity included: reports filed 35; 7 felony arrests; 5 misdemeanor arrests; 11 assist other agencies; 127 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile case; 5 auto accident response/report; 14 citations; 37 warnings; and 2`completed mental health warrants.

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

Judge Loretta Biggers reported 12 citations and collections of \$1340.00 for the month of September. Remitted to State - \$560.00 and City retention - \$780.00.

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

Tracy Cox updated the Council on Main Street activities. Main Street is focusing on promoting business. They just finished with Meet the Artist, each artist was offered a donation of \$100.00 and some donated the money back. The chairs will be auctioned off December 1 as a fund raiser; The Texas Main Street Sidewalk project is almost completed and is looking great; on July 2 and 3 the merchants had sidewalk sales as a promotion of business; Higginbotham Air Conditioning and Sheet Metal will receive a Texas Treasure Business Award on Saturday during the Sassafras Festival; Black Friday and Small Business Saturday is scheduled after Thanksgiving; Christmas Market Days – December 3,4, and 5; and Christmas Parade – December 4.

**10. Update And Discussion Regarding Fine From The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) at the Waste Water Treatment Plant**

City Manager Camp informed the council the TCEQ has pursued an enforcement against the City for approximately \$83,000.00 for various issues with the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We can convert this into a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), which means we put the money back into the system and TCEQ will not fine us. We have remediated many issues of a smaller nature; the issue of flow exceedances remains as an issue of plant age and high rainfall amounts resulting in Infiltration and Inflow that repeatedly runs our flow well over the allowable 900K gallons per day. We routinely go over 1.3MM gallons. This is the reason for planned upgrades and the recently completed Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by KSA Engineers for the USDA Grant/Loan Application upcoming.

**11. Discussion And Action If Any To Approve Resolution For Texas Department of Transportation In Support Of The Chamber Of Commerce 2020 Sassafras Festival**

Alderman Hafford offered the motion to approve the resolution for Texas Department of Transportation in support of the Chamber of Commerce 2020 Sassafras Festival. 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. Update And Discussion on Near Completion of Texas Capital Fund Mainstreet Sidewalk Project**

City Manager Camp advised that the sidewalk project is almost completed from Casey Sloan Construction. We have approximately \$40,000.00 remaining, this money will be used for additional railings in the downtown area.

**13. Discussion and Action If Any Regarding City Utility Disconnects for Non-Payment During Coronavirus**

Mr. Camp informed the council of the need to discuss disconnects as we are near the range of \$30,000.00 in non-payment by customers. City Management recommends we proceed with disconnects as we said we would where nobody has contacted City Hall to make arrangements for payment. Alderman Watts offered the motion to reinstate the normal utility disconnect policy starting next month. Alderman Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, Alderman Liepman, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

**14. Update and Discussion Of Coronavirus Relief Funding For San Augustine in 2020**

City Manager Camp informed the council that the City has been approved for funds up to \$105,000.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Act to recover expenses relating to the COVID -19 pandemic. Mr. Camp will be working to apply for reimbursement.

**15. Update and Discussion Of Application For The Hurricane Harvey Mitigation Grant From The Texas General Land Office (GLO)**

City Manager Camp advised the council that the application for the Hurricane Harvey Mitigation Grant from the GLO is due on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. Scoring will take place within 90 days and we have a good possibility to get the grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.