

January 19, 2021

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. Racial Profile Report for Year 2020 Presented
9. Judge Loretta Biggers – Update On Municipal Court Activity
10. Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program
11. Discussion And Action If Any To Utilize The Online Utility Exchange To Vet New Utility Customers And Provide Collections On Delinquent Payers
12. Discussion And Action If Any To Add a New Bank Account At Texas Bank & Trust To Use For Donations Only To Be Used On The Cotton Gin Building
13. Discussion And Action If Any On Future Plans For The Cotton Gin In Santa Fe Park
14. Update On Pending CDBG Grant For The City Water Plant Building
15. Update On Pending \$16,302 Fine From The TQEC Regarding The City Water Plant And Possible Alternatives
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, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Alderman	Marcus Hafford
Alderwoman	Pamela Teel
Alderman	Stacy Watts
Alderman	Steven Standley
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	Linda Matthews
Betty Oglesbee	Jeaneyse Mosby	Wylma Hewett
Stephen Hays		

5. Citizens Presentations

There were no citizens presentations.

6. Approval Of Minutes Of Previous Meeting(s)

Alderwoman Pamela Teel offered the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s). Alderman Stacy Watt seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, Alderman Steven Standley, and Alderman Dan Fussell. Motion carried. Alderman Marcus Hafford was not in attendance of the meeting at this time.

7. Update on Police Department Activity

Chief of Police Robert Brazeal gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of December. Activity included: reports filed 13; 2 felony arrests; 4 misdemeanor arrests; 4 assist other agencies; 87 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile case; 3 auto accident response/report; 3 citations; 17 warnings; and 0 completed mental health warrants.

8. Racial Profile Report for Year 2020 Presented

Chief of Police Brazeal presented the San Augustine Police Department Agency Racial Profiling Information for year 2020 to the council. Copy of report can be obtained from the City Secretary's office.

9. Judge Loretta Biggers - Update On Municipal Court Activity

Mayor Hughes reported 3 citations and collections of \$1002.00 for the month of December. Remitted to State - \$410.00 and City retention - \$592.00.

10. Tracy Cox - Update on Main Street

Tracy Cox gave a review of Main Street activity for the Year 2020. The Council was given a handout with the San Augustine Main Street Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Values. There were also additional handouts that listed Main Street activities for the 2020 year and examples of Preservation Based Economic Development for 2020 year.

11. Discussion And Action If Any To Utilize The Online Utility Exchange To Vet New Utility Customers And Provide Collections On Delinquent Payers

Mr. Camp discussed the above item with the council. He would like to utilize Online Utility Exchange as an enhancement to our current utility system. Online Utility Exchange will provide collection on delinquent customers, provide applicant risk assessment and positive ID verification. Online Utility Exchange has been in the collections business for almost 60 years and has over 25 years of utility collections experience. With these services the City will be able to network with Deep East Texas Electric Coop's database for individuals applying for utility services. Alderman Watts offered the motion to approve utilization of Online Utility Exchange to vet new utility customers and provide collections on delinquent payers. Alderwoman Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, Alderman Standley, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

12. Discussion And Action If Any To Add a New Bank Account At Texas Bank & Trust To Use For Donations Only To Be Used On The Cotton Gin Building

City Manager John Camp asked the Council for approval to add a new bank account with Texas Bank and Trust to be used for donations only from citizens donating for renovations of the Cotton Gin building. Signers on the account will be John Camp, Cinda Garner, Jeaneyse Mosby, and Pamela Teel. Alderwoman Teel offered the motion to approve adding a new bank account at Texas Bank and Trust to use for donations only for renovations of the Cotton Gin building. Alderman Watts seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, Alderman Standley, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

13. Discussion And Action If Any On Future Plans For The Cotton Gin In Santa Fe Park

Mrs. Betty Oglesbee shared some of the ideas of the citizens for future use of the Cotton Gin in Santa Fe Park. Some of the ways suggested included obtain old farm equipment from individuals and display in the Gin; having farmer's market on the property; and holding musical events, meetings and family gatherings. She suggested getting someone to look at the place first to see what renovations will be needed to bring it to good standings. There was no action taken on this item.

14. Update On Pending CDBG Grant For The City Water Plant Building

Mr. Camp updated the Council on the pending CDBG grant for the City water treatment plant building to be used to rehabilitate components at the plant to reduce maintenance issues. The City

was awarded a grant in the amount of \$275,000.00 to install concrete foundation, metal building enclosure, electrical improvements, replace backwash discharge piping, and all associated appurtenances. Exhibits discussed included Performance Statement, Budget, and Project Implementation Schedule. The City will not be out of any funds as this a zero-match grant.

15. Update On Pending \$16,302 Fine From The TCEQ Regarding The City Water Plant And Possible Alternatives

City Manager Camp informed the Council that the City was fined \$16,302.00 by TCEQ for violations at the water plant. Violations includes crystalizing of chemicals in the caustic storage area and problems with fencing. Mr. Camp will submit an application to TCEQ to do a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”), which is a project that benefits the environment, to offset a portion or all of the penalty. If the SEP is accepted by TCEQ, the amount of the fine will be used to correct the violations in lieu of paying to TCEQ.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.