July 20, 2021

AGENDA

- 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
- Discussion And Action If Any To Schedule Budget Workshops To Establish The October 2021 Through September 2022 Budget
- 11. Update From The City Manager On Electrical Department Staffing And Recruiting Search
- 12. Discussion And Action If Any On Disposition Of The Contract Between The City And The San Augustine Rural Water Association Which Is In Default
- 13. Discussion And Action To Provide A Letter Of Commitment Signed By Mayor Hughes To Communities Unlimited Stating That San Augustine Will Be An Active Participant In A Grant Application To Provide Technical Support for Community Sustainability And Broadband Improvements, And If Successful, The City Will Actively Participate In Acquiring and Steering Broadband Services
- 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, July 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Alderman Marcus Hafford and Alderman Steve Standley were absent.

Members present were:

Mayor Leroy Hughes
Alderwoman Pamela Teel
Alderman Stacy Watts
Alderman Dan Fussell
Attorney Wade Flasowski
City Manager John Camp
City Secretary Cinda Garner

Mayor Leroy 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:

Joe ConsfordCharles SharpRod LiepmanTracy CoxBuster ConsfordWylma HewettJeaneyse MosbyJosh PonderLinda MathewsStephen HayesChris AndingShannon Brazeal

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). Alderwoman Pamela Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Dan Fussell. Motion carried.

7. Update on Police Department Activity

Chief Shannon Brazeal gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of June. Activity included: reports filed 63; 11 felony arrests; 21 misdemeanor arrests; 12 assist other agencies; 239 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile case; 1 auto accident response/report; 49 citations; 115 warnings; and 0 completed mental health warrants.

8. Judge Loretta Biggers - Update On Municipal Court Activity

Mayor Hughes reported 47 citations and collections of \$3,017.00 for the month of June. Remitted to State - \$1,349.00 and City retention - \$1,668.00.

9. Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program

Tracy Cox informed the council that she will now give her report quarterly instead of monthly. Planned activities for Main Street for the rest of the year includes: Pop Up Shop Weekend – July 23-24; August 27-28; September 24-25; and November 26-27. Also Imagine the Possibilities Tour – July 30; American Main Street Patriots Day Event – September 11; Christmas Market Days – December 2-3-4 and Christmas Parade – December 4.

10. <u>Discussion And Action If Any To Schedule Budget Workshops To Establish The October 2021 Through September 2022 Budget</u>

City Manager John Camp gave the council a schedule of proposed budget workshops: July 27, 2021, August 3, 2021 and August 10, 2021 if needed for approval. Budget hearing and approval scheduled for August 17, 2021 after the regular meeting. Alderman Fussell offered the motion to approve the workshop dates as presented. Alderwoman Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

11. <u>Update From The City Manager On Electrical Department Staffing And Recruiting Search</u>

City Manager Camp informed the council that he has had the Deep East Texas Electric Co-op to come out to help the City's electrical crew on weekends under a mutual aide agreement. He is still working on taking applications to fill the open position in the department.

12. <u>Discussion And Action If Any On Disposition Of The Contract Between The City And The San Augustine Rural Water Association Which Is In Default</u>

City Attorney Wade Flasowski discussed the above item with the council. San Augustine Rural Water has a past due balance with the City that needs to be resolved. Mr. Fairchild sent a letter to the Rural Water System on behalf of the City to try to find a resolve. The past due amount is in excess of \$150,000.00. He advised the Rural Water System that they are in breach of contract the City and the City requires a plan from them on how they propose to move forward to correct this situation immediately. This will be an agenda item on the regular city council meeting July 20, 2021 for guidance from the council. Charles Sharp, President of Sharpco and Operator, told the council that the rural water system has been approved for a \$250,000.00 loan from USDA to help with the water system operational expenses. They are not sure of the actual date they will receive the funds. He asked the council for additional time to get the payment in when the loan proceeds are received by them. There was no action taken on this item.

13. <u>Discussion And Action To Provide A Letter Of Commitment Signed By Mayor Hughes To Communities Unlimited Stating That San Augustine Will Be An Active Participant In A Grant Application To Provide Technical Support for Community Sustainability And Broadband Improvements, And If Successful, The City Will Actively Participate In Acquiring and Steering Broadband Services</u>

City Manager Camp advised the council that Community Unlimited will apply for a grant from TLL Temple to get the cost sharing match required for the CDBG grant for broadband services in our community. They will list the city on the grant if we agree to say we will participate in acquiring and steering broadband services. Mayor Hughes will need to provide a letter of commitment to Communities Unlimited stating that San Augustine will be an active participant in a grant application

to provide technical support for community sustainability and broadband improvements, and if successful, the city will actively participate in acquiring and steering broadband services. Alderman Fussell offered the motion to allow the mayor to provide a letter of commitment to Communities Unlimited as stated above. Alderwoman Teel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Teel, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Fussell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Cinda Garner TRMC City Secretary