

October 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. Judge Loretta Biggers – Update on Municipal Court Activity
9. Tracy Cox - Update on Main Street Program
10. Update from Interim City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby
11. Dawn Glover – Discussion On The Importance And Value To The City Of Code Enforcement Activities
12. County Judge Jeff Boyd – Update On Children’s Park; Discussion And Action If Any For The City To Be Financially Responsible For Park’s Electrical Usage
13. Randy Woodward – Discussion And Action If Any To Ask The City Council to Convey Or Give Easement Of The 10th Of An Acre Of Property The City Of San Augustine Owns On Whitton Drive For Access To His Property.
14. Discussion And Action If Any To Approve Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Application With DETCOG For A Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Grant And Authorizing The Mayor To Act On Behalf Of The City Of San Augustine In All Matters Related To The Application
15. Discussion and Action If Any To Pass Resolution To Authorize The San Augustine Chamber of Commerce To Hold Annual Sassafras Festival
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 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Alderwoman Pamela Teel and Alderman Dan Fussell were absent.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Alderman	Marcus Hafford
Alderman	Stacy Watts
Alderman	Steve Standley
Attorney	Wade Flasowski
Interim City Manager	Jeaneyse Mosby
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:

Rod Litton	Tracy Cox	Betty Oglesbee
Josh Ponder	Chris Brown	Linda Mathews
Dawn Glover	Wylma Hewett	Jeff Boyd
Randy Woodward		

5. Citizens Presentations

Betty Oglesbee informed the council that she, Ray Stripling, and Jeaneyse Mosby met at the Cotton Gin with Tim Marsh Company regarding demolition procedures to take place on the building. Demolition should start within two to three weeks. A grant from the Summer Lee Foundation in the amount of \$20,000.00 has been awarded for the restoration of the building as well as over \$10,000.00 in donations. So far approximately \$35,000.00 has been pledged for the restoration.

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, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Steve Standley. Motion carried.

7. Update on Police Department Activity

Chief Shannon Brazeal gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of September. Activity included: reports filed 29; 10 felony arrests; 7 misdemeanor arrests; 4 assist

other agencies; 132 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile case; 2 auto accident response/report; 21 citations; 49 warnings; and 0 completed mental health warrants.

8. Judge Loretta Biggers - Update On Municipal Court Activity

Mayor Hughes reported 13 citations and collections of \$487.00 for the month of September. Remitted to State - \$171.00 and City retention - \$316.00.

9. Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program

Tracy Cox provided a copy of the 2021 Quarterly Local Program Activity Report for the 3rd quarter to the council for review. Other activities reported include Coffee Table book; Sassafras Festival October 23; Downtown Fall Decorating contest; Pop Up Shop November 26 and 27; Christmas Market Days – December 2,3, & 4; and Christmas Parade on December 3.

10. Update by Interim City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby

Interim City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby gave the council an update for the month of September.

- Met with Ronny Caston concerning the rural water and they have completed the water loss school they had scheduled. Mrs. Mosby will send the contract between the rural water and the City to Attorney Wade to review.
- Torrey Hendrix withdrew his intention to fill the electrical position with the city. Mrs. Mosby has restarted the process to fill the position.
- The opening in the Wastewater Department has been filled by Julius Teagle. He will be the chief operator for the Wastewater Plant. He started employment on October 16.
- Mayor Hughes and City Secretary Cinda Garner has posted the position for city manager with TML and the local newspaper.
- The order for the SEP for the Water Treatment Plant has been signed and returned to TCEQ. We can now start working on the violations to bring the plant into compliance.
- An electrical pole was pulled down on Main Street and the Deep East Texas Electric Co-op and Texas Highway Department helped with the restoring of it.
- The recycle event held on September 18th went well. We had 57 cars come through and 14 bundles of televisions. The chemical part of the event went well also. This event was made possible by a \$25,000.00 grant from Pineywoods RC&D. The grant was solicited by Wylma Hewett and Mr. John Camp.

11. Dawn Glover – Discussion On The Importance And Value To The City Of Code Enforcement Activities

Dawn Glover spoke with the council on the importance and value to the city of code enforcement activities. Code enforcement will help to increase revenue for the city which will help with problems associated with aging infrastructure to be addressed. The tools that we have to help with economic development are historic sites, structures, and charm. All these things are marketable. Improving the appearance of our community will help our small locally owned retail business prosper. Code enforcement plays an important role in enhancing our image and appearance. Property tax revenue is lost when homes and commercial buildings are allowed to deteriorate. Sales tax revenue is lost when commercial buildings deteriorate and are not habitable. Ms. Glover thanked the council and police department for supporting the code enforcement effort the city is currently working on.

12. County Judge Jeff Boyd – Update On Children’s Park; Discussion And Action If Any For The City To Be Financially Responsible For Park’s Electrical Usage

County Judge Jeff Boyd gave the council an update on the children’s park. The park is funded by a \$75,000.00 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife and the county has a match of \$75,000.00. The park is about 78% completed. One of the expenses that the park will have is electrical and water utilities. Mr. Boyd asked the council to consider helping financially with either the electrical or water expense. Alderman Hafford offered the motion that the city assume responsibility of the electrical expense. Alderman Standley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Standley. Motion carried.

13. Randy Woodward – Discussion And Action If Any To Ask The City Council to Convey Or Give Easement Of The 10th Of An Acre Of Property The City Of San Augustine Owns On Whitton Drive For Access To His Property.

Mr. Randy Woodward asked the council to convey or give easement of a 10th of an acre of property owned by the City on Whitton Drive for access to his property. After discussion, Alderman Hafford offered the motion to sell the above-mentioned property to Mr. Woodward at fair market value with no closing cost or expenses to the city, for access to his property. Alderman Watts seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Standley. Motion carried.

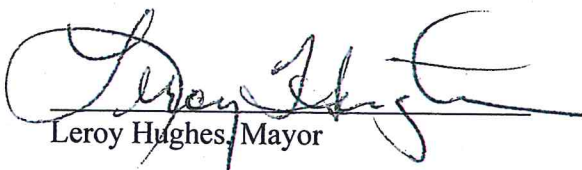
14. Discussion And Action If Any To Approve Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Application With DETCOG For A Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Grant And Authorizing The Mayor To Act On Behalf Of The City Of San Augustine In All Matters Related To The Application

The council was asked to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with DETCOG for a Regional Solid Waste Grant and authorizing the mayor to act on behalf of the City of San Augustine in all matters related to the application. Alderman watts offered the motion to approve the above item as stated. Alderman Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Standley. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and Action If Any To Pass Resolution To Authorize The San Augustine Chamber of Commerce To Hold Annual Sassafras Festival

Alderman Hafford offered the motion to approve the resolution to authorize the San Augustine Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Sassafras Festival in San Augustine. Alderman Watts seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderman Hafford, Alderman Watts, and Alderman Standley. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Leroy Hughes, Mayor


Cinda Garner, TRMC, City Secretary