

June 17, 2022

The City of San Augustine City Council will meet for a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 301 South Harrison Street, San Augustine, Texas.

Wylma Hewett – City Secretary

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
7. Update on Police Department Activity
8. Judge Jeff Cox – Update on Municipal Court Activity
9. Tracy Cox - Update on Main Street Program
10. Pat Bell – Discuss Lack of Police Response to Disturbance of the Peace Reports – Loud Music in Neighborhood
11. Discussion and Action, if Any on City Electrical Inspection Procedures, Criteria and Policy
12. Discussion and Action if any on City Electrical Supplier Assignment Policy
13. Discussion and Action, if Any, to Resume Public Rental of the City Civic Center (“Log Cabin”)
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, June 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Aldерwoman	Pamela Teel
Alderman	Dan Fussell
Alderman	Marcus Hafford
Alderman	Steve Standley
Attorney	Wade Flasowski
City Manager	Jeaneyse Mosby
City Secretary	Wylma Hewett

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 guests.

Guest present were:

Steven Hayes Pat Bell

5. **Citizens Presentations**

There were no citizens presentations.

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

Aldерwoman Pamela Teel offered the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s). Alderman Marcus Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was, Aldermen Dan Fussell, Marcus Hafford, and Steve Standley and Aldерwoman Pamela Teel. Motion carried.

7. **Update on Police Department Activity**

Chief Shannon Brazeal gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of May. Activity included: reports filed 58; 4 felony arrests; 2 misdemeanor arrests; 2 assist other agencies; 157 responses on calls for service; 0 juvenile cases; 2 auto accident response/report filed; 50 citations written; 171 warnings; and 0 completed mental health warrants.

8. **Judge Jeff Cox - Update On Municipal Court Activity**

It was reported that 39 citations were received and collections of \$2,122.00 for the month of May. Remitted to State - \$954.00 and City retention - \$1,168.

9. **Tracy Cox - Update On Main Street Program**

Tracy Cox reported on the success of the Main Street Heritage Festival.

10. Pat Bell – Discuss Lack of Police Response to Disturbance of the Peace Reports –

Loud Music in Neighborhood

Mrs. Pat Bell of 606 First Street in San Augustine reported to the council that she has made several reports to the police department regarding loud music being played from a car in her neighbor's yard. One of these instances was at 11pm. She stated that although she has made the complaints, that to her knowledge there has been no action taken by the Police Department.

Chief of police Shannon Brazeal reported that to his knowledge that there have been several complaints in or around that neighborhood and that the neighbor in question was issued a ticket for loud music in 2020 which was paid.

The City of San Augustine passed an ordinance against loud music coming from a vehicle in 1990. That ordinance (1990-1) states: Sec. 8.03.003 - Loud music or sound from motor vehicles. (a) Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person to play a device which produces and projects sound, music or anything audible in or from a motor vehicle, which sound, music or anything audible can be heard by the unaided ear at a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from the source of the sound, music or [anything audible], within the corporate limits of the city. The fine for each violation of this City Ordinance can be up to \$500.

City Attorney Wade Flasowski explained to all those attending the Council meeting that law enforcement would need evidence beyond a reasonable doubt to prove a violation. Generally speaking, the "he said she said" arguments are hard to prove in a court of law. He went on to say that if there were statements from additional witnesses or some type of video/audio evidence presented by the complainant it could make the case much stronger.

No official action was taken by the council on the matter presented by Ms. Bell but the council urged Chief Brazeal to make efforts to remedy the problem.

11. Discussion and Action, if Any on City Electrical Inspection Procedures, Criteria and Policy

The Council discussed the City Electrical Inspection Procedures, Criteria and Policy. City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby reported to the Council that Buster Consford is currently the electrical inspector for the City and he inspects all projects and makes sure the work is "up to code" before the City electrical crews connect the electrical service. A motion was offered by Alderman Steve Standley to have Mr. Consford provide a report of each of his inspections to the City to be kept on file. Alderman Marcus Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Alderwoman Teel, Aldermen Fussell, Hafford and Standley. Motion Carried.

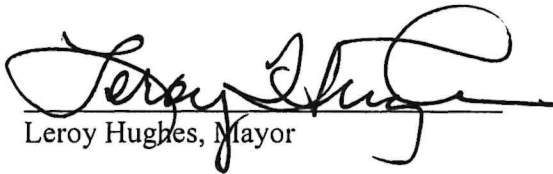
12. Discussion and Action if any on City Electrical Supplier Assignment Policy

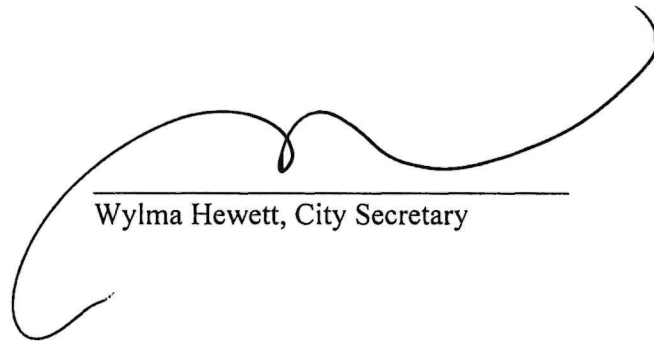
City Manager Mosby explained the Electrical Supplier Assignment Policy to Council, explaining that except for very few isolated areas within the city limits, all areas are serviced by The City Electrical department. The criteria for a location to be serviced by the Deep East Texas Electric Co-op includes but is not limited to its proximity to existing Co-op service lines. After this explanation, there was no action taken.

13. Discussion and Action, if Any, to Resume Public Rental of the City Civic Center ("Log Cabin")

The Council again discussed whether to resume public rental of the City Civic Center (Log Cabin). The item was discussed at the last City Council meeting but tabled after questions were raised about whether the amount of rent for the building was adequate. The City Manager provided rent amounts for other buildings in San Augustine for a comparison. Those rates included the Rodeo Arena for \$475 a day plus \$250 deposit and electrical usage; Museum/Theater for \$300 a day plus a \$400 deposit plus a \$100 cleaning fee plus a \$100 fee if the sound system was used; the Stripling Building for \$125 a day plus a \$150 deposit plus a \$50 cleaning fee. The Log Cabin rate has been \$200 per day plus a \$300 deposit. Manager Mosby recommended the rental fee be increased to \$300 per day, with an additional \$100 fee for cleaning and a \$300 refundable deposit if everything was left in order. A motion was offered by Alderman Dan Fussell to accept the recommended fees. Alderman Hafford seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Alderwoman Pam Teel, Aldermen Standley, Fussell, and Hafford. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Leroy Hughes, Mayor


Wylma Hewett, City Secretary