

CITY COUNCIL MEETING**TUESDAY****SEPTEMBER 13, 2022****7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Jason TePaske called the Regular meeting of the Augusta City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were council members Sue Troxel, Bruce Stabenow, Patricia Wessel, Bob Chaffee, and Ken Hicks. Also present were Dan Marcheske, and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Gordon O'Brien

Pledge of Allegiance

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROPER POSTING A notice of the meeting and an agenda (including instructions if wishing to attend the virtual meeting) was posted at the three public places and local newspapers were notified.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hicks seconded by Chaffee to approve the August 16th, City Council meeting, August 17th Board of Review, and September 12th Special Council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Delton Thorson would like to reserve his comment until agenda item #26, "Review rents on City owned property"
- Doddie Neuenfeldt asked about the "Road Closed" sign on Pease St. The sign is meant to alert drivers to the road construction on Bush Brothers Dr. and Sandy Hill Dr.
- Janice Hoh would like to reserve her comment until agenda item #27, "consider Augusta School District's request to lease city owned property"

APPROVAL OF DEPARMENT REPORTS

Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to receive the Police Department Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to receive the Senior Center report. Motion carried.

Library report was not received by the council.

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to receive the Public Works Department Report. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CLOSING ONE BLOCK OF S. SPRING STREET ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th FROM 6:00 AM TO 5:00 PM FOR AUGUSTA FALL FEST - CAROL PEUSE

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to close 1 block south on S. Spring Street from Lincoln Street to Brown Street on September 24, 2022 from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm for the Augusta Fall Fest. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ECEC PROPOSAL FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO WELL #11 SITE

Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve the electrical services proposal from Eau Claire Energy Cooperative in the amount of \$24,837.10 to bring power to the Well #11 site. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #2, A-1 EXCAVATING INC, ADJUSTED SEWER/WATER SERVICES

This change order is for a private sewer and water services Plan Adjustment. Realignment to avoid private geothermal trench system and increase water service pipe size and length. Motion by Troxel seconded by Hicks to approve the Change Order #2 for A-1 Excavating, Inc. adjusted sewer and water services, this will result in a project increase of \$10,931.00. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING CERTIFIED PLUMBING PROPOSAL, BETHKE - REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST OF INTERIOR PLUMBING WORK NECESSARY FOR CONNECTING TO CITY SEWER & WATER-WELL #11

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to approve the reimbursement of Certified Plumbing's proposal of \$9,700.00 to Jennifer Bethke for the cost of interior plumbing work necessary for connecting to City Sewer & Water-Well #11. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #1, A-1 EXCAVATING, SEWER/WATER EXTENSIONS

Motion by Troxel seconded by Hicks to approve Pay Request #1 for A-1 Excavating, Inc. - Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Extensions in the amount of \$459,846.60. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING REVISED PAY REQUEST #1 WAPASHA CONSTRUCTION-PUMPHOUSE/TREATMENT #11

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to differ action until October's Regular City Council meeting. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1, WAPASHA CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING REVIEW PLAN MODIFICATIONS

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPD) required changes in the sanitary drain piping. Motion by Troxel seconded by Hicks to approve the Change Order #1 for Wapasha Construction for the plumbing review plan modifications. This will result in a project increase of \$2,616.63. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2, WAPASHA CONSTRUCTION, DNR REVIEW PLAN MODIFICATIONS

The DNR plan modifications change order is not ready for consideration. Motion by Chaffee seconded by Hicks to differ action until October's Regular City Council meeting. Motion carried.

SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM FUNDING UPDATE – DAVY ENGINEERING

Mike Davy, Davy Engineering, updated the Council on loan closing for the Safe Drinking Water Loan.

WELL #11 PHASE 3 PROJECTS-ABANDON WELL #7, SEWER AT WELL #9, LOOP WATER #11-#9

Mike Davy, Davy Engineering, discussed the Well #11 Phase 3 Projects: Abandon Well #7, Sewer at Well #9, and Loop Water #11-#9. These plans are under design with spring bidding planned. Council will need to consider adding sanitary sewer extension on Sandy Hills Drive. Davy will prepare alternate plans and cost estimates. The council will need to make decisions by November.

COUNTY HIGHWAY-EXTENDING PAVING BUSH BROS DRIVE TO USH 12 PENDING ARPA FINAL APPROVAL

Eau Claire County may extend paving on Bush Bros Drive to USH 12 pending ARPA final approval for their share of the added cost. A Change Order will be drafted to add to A-1's Contract for the extension of this project. This work is not eligible for the SDWLP or CDBG funding.

Motion by Hicks seconded by Chaffee to proceed with extending paving on Bush Brothers Dr. to USH 12 contingent upon Eau Claire County's funding contribution. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

REPLACING WATERMAIN PEASE ST RR CROSSING

The watermain that runs beneath the rail road on Pease Street broke in Spring of 2022. The City is still waiting for Rail Road permit. Likely bid in spring 2023.

REPLACE SANITARY SEWER SPRING ST TO CREEK

Davy Engineering will prepare a preliminary plan and cost estimate for replacing the siphon with a lift station on N. Spring Street. An Intent to Apply for the Clean Water Fund (CWF) will be submitted this fall.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Motion by Hicks seconded by Chaffee to approve Resolution #2022-0913a Fair Housing Proclamation. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2022-0913, APPROVAL OF INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE WELL #11 PROJECTS

Motion by Troxel seconded by Hicks to approve Resolution #2022-0913b authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute interim loan documents concerning financing for the Well #11 projects. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2022-2023 RENEWAL PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY, AND WORKMAN'S COMP. INSURANCE

Motion by Hicks seconded by Troxel to differ action until the September 20th Budget meeting. Motion carried

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES OPTIONS - PROPOSED SERVICES AGREEMENT

No changes

REVIEW RENTS ON CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

Motion by Stabenow seconded by Hicks to split the cost of hiring an appraisal firm with Delton Thorson to get a rental appraisal for the City owned office space at 106 E. Lincoln St. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REQUEST TO LEASE CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Katie Hagen, Augusta School District, inspected the east room at the Augusta Senior and Community Center for the purpose of a temporary space for a daycare center. The School district will be building a daycare center in 2023 but will need a space until then. There is a high need for daycare and the surrounding communities are currently unable to meet daycare needs for families in the area.

The following citizens expressed concerns about the use of part the Senior and Community Center by the Augusta School District as a daycare center: Sue Kensmoe, Janice Hoh, Norma Timm, Carol Peuse, and Bara Pritzl. Motion by Stabenow seconded by Hicks to Table discuss until the September 20th Budget meeting. Motion carried

CONSIDER PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION, IF ANY, CONCERNING FILLING PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT VACANCY

Motion by Stabenow seconded by Troxel to approve Personnel and Finance Committees' recommendation to advertise for an Administrator/Public Works Director with an minimum starting salary of \$75,000 depending upon qualifications. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT MEMBERS TO CITY COMMITTEE'S TO FILL VACANCIES

APPROVE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to approve the bartender license applications as follows: Motion Carried.

Bearded Panther:	Christina Schesel
	Carrie Amo
Mulligan's:	Jini Jo Phillippi
	Tony A Rode

ANNOUNCE AND DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Board of Review to adjourn to future date - July 17th at 2:00pm
- Joint Cities meeting – August 31st – Hosted by City of Durand

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to adjourn the meeting.

Cynthia Anderegg, City Clerk