

CITY COUNCIL MEETING**TUESDAY****APRIL 9, 2024****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 Brian Leslin. Also present were Scott Williamson, Kasandra Thompson, Leslie LaRose, and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Gordon O'Brien

Pledge of Allegiance

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROPER POSTING A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted at the three public places and the local newspaper was notified.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Wessel seconded by Troxel to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2024 Regular City Council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Motion by Wessel seconded by Leslin to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Leslin seconded by Chaffee Wessel to approve the Police Department Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Wessel to approve the Senior Center Report. Motion carried.

- The Senior Center received the United Way 2024 Chippewa Valley Spirit Community Impact for Digital Equity Award

Motion by Stabenow seconded by Leslin to approve the Library Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Stabenow seconded by Chaffee to approve the Public Works Department Report. Motion carried.

- Scott Williamson received a quote for roofing repairs for both the Senior Center and Library roofs. The council will review the quotes at the Reorganizational meeting on 4/16/24.

Fire Department Report: None received.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CLOSING A SECTION OF BUCKMAN STREET DURING BEAN & BACON DAYS FOR THE BURNOUT CONTEST

Motion by Stabenow seconded by Leslin to approve closing Buckman Street from Stone Street to the western most driveway into the Buckman Street parking lot for the burnout contest during Bean & Bacon Days. Access will remain open to police and other emergency vehicles. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUESTING PROPOSAL FOR PREPARING FUNDING STRATEGY PLAN

Motion by Wessel seconded by Chaffee to Table until the May 14th Council meeting. Motion carried.

The council will consider forming a Strategic Plan Committee at the April Reorganizational meeting.

APPOINT MEMBER TO AUGUSTA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO FILL VACANCY

Motion by Troxel second by Wessel to appoint Bruce Stabenow to the Augusta Housing Authority. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SENIOR CENTER AND LIBRARY ROOF REPAIRS

The council will review the quotes at the Reorganizational meeting on 4/16/24.

UPDATE ON SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER EAST SIDE WINDOW REPLACEMENT, CARPETING, AND IMPROVEMENTS

The east side windows have been ordered and will be installed after they arrive.

The quotes the Center received for carpeting the east side room of the Center were higher than anticipated. They are considering fundraising to help pay for the costs.

UPDATE ON LIBRARY LIGHTING UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT

The library lighting installation project has been completed. The staff and patrons have already seen an improvement and are very pleased.

UPDATE ON CITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE'S CITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- The slide at the Water Street Park is being repainted and repaired, courtesy of Augusta Tire and Auto. The pavilion has also been repaired.
- The Augusta middle school students will be helping clean up the area parks on April 22nd for Earth Day.
- The city garage will be pressure washed and a new “graffiti wall” mural is planned.
- The school’s art department has been contacted and has agreed to painting picnic tables.
- The Main Street Gym Playground (Senior Center) is discussing the layout of the basketball court and playground equipment.

APPROVE PICNIC LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Motion by Troxel seconded by Stabenow to approve picnic license applications for the 2024 Augusta Athletics scheduled home games at the Memorial Field from May through July. Fifteen (15) home games are scheduled at this time. Motion carried.

APPROVE BARTENDER LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to approve the bartender license application as follows:

- application for **Mulligan’s**: Jeffery Sarauer
- applications for **Cenex**: Savannah Nevienski

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCE AND DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. Reorganizational City Council meeting - April 16th at 7:00 pm
- b. Plan Commission Meeting – April 18th at 6:00 pm
- c. Joint City Improvement & Recreation Committee – April 24th at 5:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to adjourn the meeting.

Cynthia Andereg, City Clerk