

RE-ORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING**APRIL 15, 2025****5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Jason TePaske called the Re-organizational meeting of the Augusta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were council members Sue Troxel, Lisa Fugett Zabkiewicz, Brian Abley, Robert Chaffee and Brian Leslin. Also present were Kasandra Thompson, Leslie LaRose and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Gordon O'Brien and Scott Williamson

OATH OF OFFICE

Oaths had been signed and given prior to the meeting. The Oaths were given to Lisa Fugett Zabkiewicz (Ward 2), Brian Abley (Ward 3), Robert Chaffee (Ward 4), and Brian Leslin (Ward 5) by Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Anderegg.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve the City Council meeting minutes: April 8, 2025. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to nominate Sue Troxel as Council President. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to approve the appointment of Anders Helquist from the law firm of Weld Riley S.C. as City Attorney. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to approve the appointment of law firm Weld Riley S.C. as the Human Resource Legal Counsel. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

Motion by Leslin seconded by Abley to approve the appointment of Robert Chaffee as Zoning Administrator. Motion carried.

CITY ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to approve the appointment of assessment firm Bowmar Appraisal Inc. as City Assessor. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

Motion by Leslin seconded by Chaffee to approve the appointment of Gordon O'Brien as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

APPROVE STANDING COMMITTEES AS APPOINTED BY MAYOR

The following standing committee appointments are as presented:

Motion by Abley seconded by Fugett to approve the committee appointments for:

- ***Streets, Water and Sewer committee***, Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Brian Leslin, Robert Chaffee.
- ***Finance committee***, Chairperson-Brian Leslin, Lisa Fugett, Brian Abley.
- ***Recreation committee***, Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Brian Leslin, Robert Chaffee.
- ***Public Safety committee***, Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Robert Chaffee, Brian Abley.

Motion carried.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT FOR CITY COMMITTEES WHOSE TERM HAS EXPIRED

STATUTORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The following Statutory Boards & Commission appointments are as presented:

Plan Commission: Motion by Leslin seconded by Troxel to appoint Patricia Wessel to the Plan Commission to replace citizen member Sondra Larson, and to appoint Lisa Fugett for the council position to replace Patricia Wessel. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to appoint Patricia Wessel to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and to Table re-appointing Tim Wells and Alternate #2 Carla Stabenow to a future meeting in order to confirm their agreement to serve on the board. Motion carried.

Library Board: Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve appointing Robert Chaffee as a council representative. Motion carried.

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to Table other appointments to a future meeting to review eligibility requirements. Motion carried.

Augusta Housing Authority: Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve re-appointing Pat Brunzlick, Sondra Larson, Bruce Stabenow, Bob Paddock, and John Waugh to the Augusta Housing Authority. Motion carried.

Augusta Millpond Board of Commissioners: Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve appointing Jason TePaske, Sue Troxel, Lisa Fugett Zabkiewicz, Brian Abley, Robert Chaffee, and Brian Leslin as the Augusta Millpond Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

CONTRACTUAL COMMITTEE

Motion by Leslin seconded by Chaffee to approve the Contractual Committee appointments as presented:

- for **Augusta Bridge Creek Fire Board** City appointments, Jason TePaske and Sue Troxel. Motion carried.

AD HOC AND DE FACTO COMMITTEES

The following AD HOC and De Facto committee appointments are as presented:

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve the committee appointments for:

- **Public Works committee**, Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Robert Chaffee, Brian Leslin.

Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve the committee appointments for Personnel committee contingent upon eligibility requirements for this type of committee.

- **Personnel committee**. Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Robert Chaffee, Patricia Wessel. Motion carried.

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve the committee appointments for:

- **City Improvement committee**, Chairperson-Jason TePaske, Brian Leslin, Lisa Fugett, Mary “Tugger” Francel, Max TePaske, Scott Williamson, Barb Balliett, Polina Kudelina, and Stacey Leslin. Motion carried.

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to approve the committee appointments for:

- **Strategic Plan committee**, Chairperson-Brian Leslin, Robert Chaffee, Brian Abley, Patricia Wessel, Jordan Doyle. Motion carried.

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Fugett to approve the committee appointments for:

- **Capital Improvement Plan committee**, Chairperson-Brian Leslin, Robert Chaffee, Corey Bauch, Katie Warner, Pam Baader, Sheena Bruder, Mary “Tugger” Francel. Motion carried.

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Fugett to approve appointing Sue Troxel as **Senior Center Advisory Board liaison**. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO POLICE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to approve the Police Disciplinary Committee as presented: Mike Goodell, Ron Honadel, and Ken Zich. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF BANK DEPOSITORIES – UNITY BANK AND OAKWOOD BANK

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve the bank depositories as Unity Bank and Oakwood Bank. Motion carried.

APPROVE AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR ACCOUNTS AT BANK DEPOSITORIES

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Fugett to appoint Jason TePaske, Clerk-Treasurer Cynthia Anderegg, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Kirchoff as authorized signers for the accounts at the designated bank depositories. Motion carried.

APPROVE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Motion by Abley seconded by Fugett to approve The Ad-Delite as the official newspaper for the city. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

Motion by Leslin seconded by Abley to approve the updates and amendments to the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Augusta. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ADOPTING UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 11: LICENSES AND PERMITS – FIRST READING

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to waive the first reading. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING TO CONTINUE DRAFTING CDL POLICY, AND DISCUSS OTHER EMPLOYEE POLICY UPDATES

The Personnel meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th at 1:00 pm. Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve appointing Brian Abley as an alternate to the Personnel Committee if Patricia Wessel is ineligible to serve on the committee. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Cynthia Anderegg
City Clerk-Treasurer