

RE-ORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 21, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jason TePaske called the Re-organizational meeting of the Augusta City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were council members Sue Troxel, Lisa Fugett Zabkiewicz, Dawn Harper and Brian Leslin. Also present was Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Brian Abley, Gordon O'Brien, Scott Williamson, Kasandra Thompson, and Leslie LaRose

OATH OF OFFICE

Oaths had been signed and given prior to the meeting. The Oaths were given to Jason TePaske (Mayor), Sue Troxel (Ward 1), and Lisa Fugett Zabkiewicz (Ward 2), by Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Anderegg.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Chaffe announced that Augusta middle school students will be cleaning at the Water Street Park and City Park on Earth Day April 22nd. Wildlands students will be working on parks projects during the week of May 1st.

Mr. Chaffee also asked the council to consider appointing new members to replace those whose term has expired on the Library Board in order to get new ideas to make the library more vibrant.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion by Troxel seconded by Harper to nominate Brian Leslin as Council President. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

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

CITY ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

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

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

Motion carried.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT FOR CITY COMMITTEES WHOSE TERM HAS EXPIRED

CONTRACTUAL COMMITTEE

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

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

STATUTORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The following Statutory Boards & Commission appointments are as presented:

- ***Plan Commission:*** Motion by Leslin seconded by Harper to re-appoint Travis Keading and Mike Canaday to the Plan Commission. Motion carried.
- ***Zoning Board of Appeals:*** Motion by Leslin seconded by Troxel to re-appoint Brian Strauch and Jim Kelley to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.
- ***Library Board:*** Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve appointing Lisa Fugett as a council representative, appoint Angie Frank to replace Alyce “Bunny” Turner, and to re-appoint Barbara Johnson. Motion carried.
- ***Augusta Housing Authority:*** Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to Table appointments to the Augusta Housing Authority to a future meeting. 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, Dawn Harper, and Brian Leslin as the Augusta Millpond Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

AD HOC AND DE FACTO COMMITTEES

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

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

- ***Public Works committee***, Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Brian Leslin, Dawn Harper.

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

- ***Personnel committee***. Chairperson-Sue Troxel, Patricia Wessel, Lisa Fugett. Motion carried.

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

- ***City Improvement committee***, Chairperson-Jason TePaske, Brian Leslin, Lisa Fugett, Scott Williamson, Jeanine Nugent, Polina Kudelina, Barb Balliett, Stacey Leslin, Clarice Sieg, and Barb Balliett. Motion carried.

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

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

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

- ***Capital Improvement Plan committee***, Chairperson-Brian Leslin, Lisa Fugett, Corey Bauch, Katie Warner, Pam Baader, Randy Rineck, Jeanine Nugent. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO POLICE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Motion by Troxel seconded by Fugett 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 Troxel 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 Leslin seconded by Harper to approve the Tri-County Area Times as the official newspaper for the city. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2: OFFICIALS, 2.08 BOARD OF REVIEW – SECOND READING

Motion by Leslin seconded by Fugett to waive the second reading. Motion carried.

Motion by Harper seconded by Leslin to adopt the amendment to Chapter 2: Officials, Section 2.08 – Board of Review of the Municipal Code to read as follows:

2.08 BOARD OF REVIEW

- (1) The Board of Review of the City of Augusta shall be composed of the Mayor, Aldermen, and City Clerk.

- (2) The City Assessor shall not be a member of the Board of Review but shall attend Board of Review proceedings in an advisory capacity as required by Wisconsin Statute § 70.46 and applicable Wisconsin law.

Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, Absent; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE SIGNER FOR CDBG GRANT SPRING STREET SEWERAGE LIFT STATION PROJECT - DECHR

Motion by Harper seconded by Fugett to appoint Brian Leslin as signer to replace Robert Chaffe for the CDBG Grant Spring Street Sewerage Lift Station project – DECHR. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, Absent; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Troxel seconded by Harper to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Cynthia Anderegg
City Clerk-Treasurer