

Citizen Participation Public Hearing #2
Meeting Minutes

City of Augusta
City Hall, 145 W. Lincoln St., Augusta, WI 54722
Tuesday, September 08, 2026
6:45 PM.

The City Council of the City of Augusta held its second Citizen Participation Public Hearing on September 8, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. regarding the Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) project for the Spring Street Sewage Lift Station. The purpose of the hearing was to provide the public with an update on project activities and progress, address the required Citizen Participation topics, and provide an opportunity for public comment. A copy of the attendance sheet is attached. The public hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

The following topics were included on the Public Notice agenda and discussed at the Public Hearing:

1. CDBG-PF Project Status and Progress Update

An update was provided regarding project activities completed to date and the work remaining. The following project status was discussed:

- Construction of the lift station, including the wet well, above-grade enclosure, pumps, controls, and electrical improvements, has been substantially completed. Some site work completed (excavating, grading, etc.).
- Site work, including excavation and grading, has been partially completed.
- The standby generator is anticipated to be shipped on October 1, 2026.
- Gerke Excavating is anticipated to begin gravity sewer, force main, and grinder pump work on September 28, 2026, with completion anticipated during the week of October 12, 2026.
- The contractual Substantial Completion date is November 30, 2026. Based on the current construction schedule, the project remains on schedule.

2. Residential and/or Business Displacement and Relocation Assistance

The status of residential and business displacement and relocation assistance was reviewed. The project does not involve any residential or business displacement requiring relocation assistance.

3. Housing Needs in the Community

Housing needs within the community were discussed as required as part of the Citizen Participation Public Hearing. The CDBG-PF project is a public infrastructure project and does not directly address housing needs. No specific housing needs or concerns were identified during the public hearing.

4. Public Input and Feedback

Mayor TePaske provided an opportunity for members of the public to provide comments or feedback regarding the CDBG-PF project and project activities. No public comments were received.

With no further comments or questions, the public hearing was closed at 6:55 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, Lisa Fugett, Brian Abley, Dawn Harper, and Brian Leslin. Also present were Gordon O'Brien, Scott Williamson, Kasandra Thompson, and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Leslie LaRose.

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

Approval of Minutes

No Minutes were submitted.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. Members of the public were invited to address the Council regarding agenda or non-agenda items. No formal action was taken on items not listed on the agenda.

- There was no public comment.

Approval of Department reports

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

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

Motion by Troxel seconded by Abley to receive the Senior Center Report. Motion carried.

There was no Library Report submitted.

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

No Minutes were submitted by the Augusta Bridge Creek Fire Department. The Fire Department Annual Chicken Feed will be on September 27 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Augusta Industrial Development – September 1, 2026

The Augusta Industrial Development Committee meeting held on September 1, 2026, did not have a quorum. No discussion or action took place.

Capital Improvement Plan Committee – September 2, 2026

The Council received an update regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee meeting held September 2, 2026. The information was presented by staff member Kim Shult.

i. One-Year Capital Improvement Plan Addendum

The Council discussed the CIP Committee's recommendation regarding the one-year Capital Improvement Plan addendum. The City council had approved the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan on December 9, 2025. The addendum added purchasing new election equipment in 2029 and resurfacing five blocks of parking lanes on State Road 27 in 2030. These additions are due to information received from Eau Claire County. Due to the additional cost of resurfacing the parking lanes, some of the other street projects were reduced and timing delayed.

Motion by Fugett seconded by Leslin to approve the committee's recommendation regarding the one-year CIP addendum. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal quote for 2026-2027

The Council discussed the workers' compensation insurance renewal quote for the 2026–2027 policy year.

Motion by Leslin seconded by Troxel to approve the Workman's renewal quote for 2026-2027 submitted by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance for \$20,954. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

a. Spring Street Sewage Lift Station Project – Winona Mechanical Pay Request No. 3 (Proposal No. 1)

The Council considered Winona Mechanical's Pay Request No. 3 for the Spring Street Sewage Lift Station Project, Proposal No. 1.

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$7,305.50, contingent upon receipt of the updated payroll information. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

b. Water and Sewer Utility Disconnection Notice for Arrears at a Mobile Home Community

The Council reviewed the status of the water and sewer utility disconnection notice related to outstanding arrears at the mobile home community. The mobile home park owner paid the arrears in full on September 8th. No further action was taken.

c. Mobile Home Park Issues

The Council discussed ongoing concerns regarding conditions within the mobile home park, including yard debris, stray cats, and potentially uninhabitable trailers.

Public Works staff provided a written report detailing observations made while delivering utility disconnection notices on August 21, 2026. The report noted several cat food dishes, primarily near Lot #22, and an estimated 40 or more cats in questionable health observed entering and exiting beneath multiple mobile homes. Staff also reported a strong, pungent odor of cat urine and feces throughout the park.

Additionally, the report identified several mobile homes in poor condition that appeared to have settled into the ground, resulting in uneven structures. Some decks and stairs providing access to home entrances were also observed to be in poor condition.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Chapter 11 – Licenses and Permits: High-Risk Dogs – First Reading

The Council considered the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding amendments to Chapter 11, Licenses and Permits, relating to the regulation, licensing, and control of high-risk dogs.

Motion by Fugett seconded by Harper to waive the First Reading. Motion carried.

b. Chapter 10.04 – Control of Weeds and Grasses

The Council considered the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding amendments to Chapter 10.04 concerning enforcement of the City's weed and grass control requirements in response to complaints of noncompliance with City mowing requirements. The Finance Committee recommended leaving the ordinance unchanged.

No action was taken. The Council will review the ordinance further at the Special City Council meeting scheduled for September 16, 2026.

c. Chapter 11, Section 11.03 – Trailers, Trailer Parks and Mobile Homes

The Council considered amending Chapter 11, Section 11.03, relating to trailers, trailer parks, and mobile homes.

Motion by Harper seconded by Fugett to refer the matter to the Plan Commission for further review. Motion carried.

d. Sewer Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and Resolution No. 2026-0609

The Sewer Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) was not completed at this time and no action was taken.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. Bartender License Applications

Motion by Leslin seconded by Troxel to approve the bartender license application for Alfred Zucker Jr. Motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The Council reviewed the following scheduled meetings and events:

- Plan Commission meeting – September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel Committee meeting – September 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- Special City Council (Budget) meeting – September 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- Special City Council (Budget) meeting – September 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- City Council meeting – October 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- Augusta Industrial Development meeting – October 14, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harper seconded by Troxel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Cynthia Anderegg, City Clerk-Treasurer