

Mayor Jason TePaske called the Special meeting of the Augusta City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were council members Sue Troxel, Lisa Fugett, Brian Abley, Dawn Harper, and Brian Leslin. Also present were Scott Williamson, Kasandra Thompson, Leslie LaRose, and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Gordon O'Brien.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Fugett seconded by Harper to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Picnic License Application – Lions Field Autumn Annihilation Demo Derby

The Council reviewed the picnic license application for the Lions Field Autumn Annihilation Demo Derby scheduled for October 3, 2026.

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve the picnic license application for the Lions Field Autumn Annihilation Demo Derby on October 3, 2026. Motion carried.

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

The Council reviewed the Sewer Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and considered Resolution No. 2026-0609. Scott Williamson has obtained the required certifications to serve as the Operator in Charge (OIC).

Motion by Fugett seconded by Abley to approve the CMAR and adopt Resolution No. 2026-0609, including the required actions identified in the report. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF 2027 BUDGETS

a. General Fund

The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed 2027 General Fund budget, including anticipated revenues, departmental expenditures, and other municipal operating expenses.
No action was taken.

b. Sewer Fund

The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed 2027 Sewer Fund budget, including projected revenues, operating expenses, debt obligations, and anticipated utility expenditures.
No action was taken.

i. Sewer Rate Increase

The Council discussed a proposed sewer rate increase in relation to the City's 15-year sewer rate plan adopted in 2025, including a proposed 3% increase to sewer volume and Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) charges. The Council would like to explore different rates and the financial impact on long term debt. The matter will be discussed at the October 13, 2026 City Council meeting.
No action was taken.

c. Water Fund

The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed 2027 Water Fund budget, including anticipated revenues, operating expenses, maintenance needs.
No action was taken.

d. Capital Equipment Replacement (CER) Fund

The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed 2027 Capital Equipment Replacement (CER) Fund budget, including anticipated equipment replacement needs and planned capital expenditures.
No action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by Cynthia Anderegg, City Clerk-Treasurer