Special City Council Meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2026 6:00 P.M.

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 (via phone), Brian Abley, Dawn Harper, and Brian Leslin. Also present were Gordon O'Brien, Kasandra Thompson, Leslie LaRose, and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Scott Williamson.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Sue Troxel, seconded by Brian Leslin, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes No minutes were submitted for approval. No action was taken.

Follow-Up Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Mobile Home Park Issues

The Council continued its discussion regarding ongoing issues at Woodland Meadows Mobile Home Park, including debris in yards, stray cats, and trailers believed to be uninhabitable, along with other concerns related to violations at the property.

Motion by Brian Leslin, seconded by Dawn Harper, to instruct the City Attorney to seek a court order requiring Woodland Meadows Mobile Home Park to cease operating as a mobile home park due to the identified violations, and to instruct Chief O'Brien to provide the City Attorney with a list of citations issued.
Motion carried.

Refer Comprehensive Plan Review and Update to the Plan Commission

The Plan Commission met with a consultant on October 20th to discuss updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. The consultant will prepare an updated Scope of Work to present to the Plan Commission at its next meeting on November 4th.
No motion was made, and no action was taken. The matter will be placed on the November 10, 2026, City Council meeting agenda for further consideration.

Approve Resolution 2026-1021A – Endorsement of Fair Housing Principles

The Council reviewed Resolution 2026-1021A, endorsing Fair Housing Principles and affirming the City's commitment to fair housing and equal housing opportunities without discrimination. The City will also promote public awareness of fair housing rights and responsibilities.

Motion by Lisa Fugett, seconded by Dawn Harper, to approve Resolution 2026-1021A, Endorsement of Fair Housing Principles. Motion carried.

Budget discussion on 2027 Budgets

The Council continued its review and discussion of the proposed 2027 municipal budgets.

a. General Fund

Motion by Dawn Harper, seconded by Sue Troxel, to set the 2027 Library appropriation at $67,970.29.
Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dawn Harper, seconded by Sue Troxel, to accept the changes to the draft 2027 General Fund Budget as discussed.
Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

b. Sewer Fund

Motion by Brian Leslin, seconded by Dawn Harper, to accept the changes to the draft 2027 Sewer Fund Budget as discussed.
Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, Absent; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.
*All members present voted in favor, with the exception of Ward 3 representative Brian Abley, who had left the meeting prior to the vote.

Sewer Rate Increase

The Council discussed a proposed increase in sewer rates.

Motion by Brian Leslin, seconded by Dawn Harper, to increase sewer rates by 3%.
Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, Absent; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.
*All members present voted in favor, with the exception of Ward 3 representative Brian Abley, who had left the meeting prior to the vote.

c. Water Fund

Motion by Brian Leslin, seconded by Dawn Harper, to accept the changes to the draft 2027 Water Fund Budget as discussed.
Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, Absent; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

d. CER Fund

Motion by Dawn Harper, seconded by Sue Troxel, to accept the changes to the draft 2027 CER Fund Budget as discussed.
Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, Absent; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

e. Garbage Fund

The Council discussed the proposed 2027 Garbage Fund Budget.
Motion by Brian Leslin, seconded by Dawn Harper, to accept the draft 2027 Garbage Fund Budget as presented.
Motion carried by verbal vote. All members present voted in favor, with the exception of Ward 3 representative Brian Abley, who had left the meeting prior to the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brian Leslin, seconded by Dawn Harper, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Cynthia Anderegg, City Clerk-Treasurer