

October 13, 2023

The **City of San Augustine City Council** will meet for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the **Council Chambers** located at **301 South Harrison Street, San Augustine, Texas.**

Jeremy Lynch – City Secretary

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AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge To the Flags
4. Welcome Guests
5. Swearing in of Chief Sowell and Officer Pruitt
6. Citizen Presentations: At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. Please limit to two minutes each.
7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
8. Chief Jonathan Sowell – Update on Police Department Activity
9. Judge Jeff Cox – Update on Municipal Court Activity
10. Liz Jones – Update on Main Street Program
11. Update from City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby
12. Discussion and Action, if any, to approve Tax Resale Deed(s)
 - a. Elmagene Daniels
 - b. Pebble Creek Investments, LLC.
 - c. Whitney Michalec
13. Executive Session
 - A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters; Discussion of Former City Secretary
14. Reconvene Open Meeting for Discussion and Action If Any on Executive Session Item #13
15. Adjourn

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations About Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

I, the undersigned authority does hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the front door at City Hall of the City of San Augustine, TX, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

October 13, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

City Secretary, City of San Augustine, Texas

The City of San Augustine held its regular meeting on Tuesday October 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were:

Mayor	Leroy Hughes
Alderman	Marcus Hafford
Alderman	Juan Diaz, Jr.
Alderman	Herman Wilson
Attorney	Wade Flasowski
City Manager	Jeaneyse Mosby
City Secretary	Jeremy Lynch

Mayor Leroy Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hughes offered prayer.

The pledge to the flags was recited in unison.

Mayor Hughes welcomed guests.

There were numerous guests in attendance.

5. Swearing in of Chief Sowell and Officer Pruitt

Municipal Judge Jeff Cox administered the oath of office to Chief of Police Jonathan Sowell. Judge Cox then administered the oath of office to officer Timothy Pruitt.

6. Citizen Presentations: At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. Please limit to two minutes each.

Jackie Bell requested that the council consider increasing the time allotted for Citizen Presentations to 3-5 minutes per speaker and for a visual timer to be implemented.

7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Alderman Juan Diaz offered a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s). Alderman Marcus Hafford seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

8. Chief Jonathan Sowell – Update on Police Department Activity

Chief Sowell gave the update on the police department's activity for the month of September, 2023. Activity included: 17 reports filed, 2 felony arrests, 3 occasions of assisting other agencies, 134 calls for service answered, 3 auto accident reports filed, 7 citations written, and 29 warnings issued.

9. Judge Jeff Cox – Update on Municipal Court Activity

Judge Cox reported the Municipal Court Activity for month of September, 2023. There were 8 citations received, with fines and court costs collected totaling \$375.00. Remitted to state – \$76.00, City retention – \$299.00.

10. Liz Jones - Update on Main Street Program

Liz Jones reported that the annual Imagine the Possibilities Tour on October 13 went well. Attendees were taken on a tour throughout the downtown district and shown different builds for lease or sale. There was some interest in the Imogene's Café building and the old Pinto Pony Bakery building.

Regarding the Smithsonian: Museum on Main Street Project, planning meetings have been held with Texas Historical Commission staff and local main partners. An informational booth will be set up at the Sassafras Festival on October 28 to help spread the word and garner more interest.

Upcoming events include Christmas Market Days on December 1 and 2, as well as the Christmas Parade on December 1 a 6:00 p.m.

11. Update from City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby

City Manager Jeaneyse Mosby reported that she had received a proposal to put the PUC fine money back into the City's electrical system and had in turn submitted that proposal to the PUC's lawyer. This proposal includes \$350 put toward funding a contract to provide notification for any future related deadlines, and the rest will go toward improving the City's electrical system.

Contractors working on replacing old poles and copper lines were moved to Ironosa Rd to get that line back up.

Repairs and cosmetic improvements are being made to the old cotton gin. The old caboose is to be repainted as well.

A digital timer has been purchased and will be used for Citizen Presentations once it is mounted.

12. Discussion and Action, if any, to approve Tax Resale Deed(s)

- a. **Elmagene Daniels**
- b. **Pebble Creek Investments, LLC.**
- c. **Whitney Michalec**

After discussion, Alderman Juan Diaz offered a motion to approve all three Tax Resale Deeds. Alderman Herman Wilson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

13. Executive Session**A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters; Discussion of Former City Secretary**

Council went into executive session at 5:26 p.m.

14. Reconvene Open Meeting for Discussion and Action If Any on Executive Session Item #13

Council reconvened from executive session at 5:35 p.m.

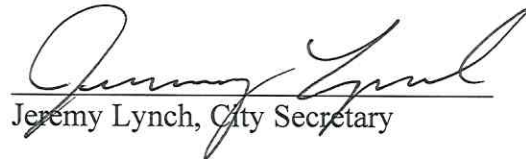
Regarding Executive Session Item #13A, there was no action to be taken. An acknowledgement was made that the Texas Attorney General's office has launched an open investigation into the matter of the previous City Secretary and that the City will cooperate in the investigation and provide them with any information and/or documentation requested.

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.



Leroy Hughes, Mayor



Jeremy Lynch, City Secretary