CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers – 301 South Harrison St. San Augustine, TX 75972

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MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

In Attendance:
Mayor, Leroy Hughes
Mayor Pro Tem, Dan Fussell
Alderman, Marcus Hafford
Alderwoman, Pam Teel
Alderman, Juan Diaz, Jr.
Alderman, Herman Wilson
City Attorney, Wade Flasowski
City Manager, Jeaneyse Mosby
City Secretary, Rhonda Williams

Not In Attendance:

A. Prayer

B. Pledge To the Flags

C. Welcome Guests

2. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS
There were no comments in Citizen Presentations.

3. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting.

Alderwoman Teel moved to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026, Regular City Council meeting. Alderman Hafford duly seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

City Manager Mosby presented Chief Sowell's report to Council.

There were 18 Reports; 1 Felony Arrests; 1 Misdemeanors; 33 Assists to Other Agencies; 107 Responses on "Calls for Service; 1 Juvenile Cases Filed; 2 Auto Accident Reports Filed; 27 Citations Written; 186 Warnings Issued; 0 Mental Health Warrants; 0 Code Enforcement Case Opened; and 0 Code Enforcement Case Closed.

Chief Sowell shared that he hired a new Sergeant, Brandon Hayward, who was not able to attend the meeting as he was out working a case.

B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox shared the Courts received 19 total citations; $1,542.00 in payments where the City retained $831 and $711 was remitted to the state.

C. Update on Main Street Activity – Lea Ann Bennefield, Main Street Manager

Ms. Bennefield stated the committee for the 911 event meets every two weeks to work on the project.

Ms. Bennefield announced that the Farmer's Market may have more vendors. The hours are from 9 – 12 every other Saturday of the month.

D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Ms. Rainey reported that the Summer Reading Program for this year was the most successful that the Library has had. She stated that volunteers were a big help and gave a special thanks to Southside Bank for their volunteer and donation efforts.

Ms. Rainey shared that the Library won first place in the Nationwide Display Contes for the Summer Reading Program through the Junior Library Guild, giving credit to Tori Brazeal for her hard work. The prize is two free books every month.

She also mentioned that Communities Unlimited and Career Center granted $5900 for classes accommodating 50+ aged people.

Tori Brazeal resigned and staff will be shifted to fill any open areas in positioning.

E. Update from City Manager - Jeaneyse Mosby

Ms. Mosby continued work on the water line on 2213 and now working near the elementary school. She mentioned that part of the line is under highway 21 where the lines will connect.

Ms. Mosby asked if there were any questions on the shared financial material. Alderman Diaz inquired about the PCA rate decrease. Ms. Mosby explained the overage and the increase in usage. She stated she is still awaiting the Deep East Texas Coop bill to compare the usage.

Alderman Fussell asked if there were any repairs made to the Senior Citizen's building.

Ms. Mosby stated there were building and plumbing repairs made.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Discuss and consider approval of making martin Luther King, Jr. Drive a two-way street from W. Columbia Street to Barrett Street.

Ms. Mosby explained that the section of the street was one-way because of the school.

Alderman Diaz asked if any citation had been issued in the area. There were a few.

Alderman Hafford made a motion to approve Item A of the agenda. Alderman Diaz duly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Fussell stated that signage should go up soon for the street. Ms. Mosby said that she would work to get it up with notification to the public as well.

B. Presentation by Beasley, Mitchell & Co., on the city of San Augustine 2023 Audit.

Dahlia, Victor and Alyssa introduced themselves. Victor went over the audit report with Council. He discussed the auditor's opinion and any findings in the report. Council followed along and asked questions regarding the audit.

Alderman Fussell made a motion to accept the presented audit. Alderman Hafford duly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

C. Hold a discussion and consider approval of the ICE 287(g) Task Force Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Chief Sowell shared the MOA with Council entered into a mandated agreement with ICE Immigration. The Chief's officers would join as task force agents for ICE in efforts to enforce immigration laws. He explained the benefits of the task force and the federal government incentives.

Council members expressed their concerns and asked questions, which the Chief answered.

Alderman Hafford made a motion to approve the MOA for ICE 287(g) Task Force. Alderman Fussell duly seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 3 to 2, with Council members Hafford/Position 1 and Diaz/Position 3, abstaining.

D. Hold a discussion and consider adopting an Ordinance of the 2025 amendment to the Water Conservation and Emergency Water Management Plan.

Ms. Mosby discussed the management plan required by TCEQ. KSA, contractors, aided with the process. She explained that Council would need to vote on the plan in order for the Water and Emergency Plan to go into effect.

Alderman Hafford made a motion to approve. Alderman Wilson duly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

E. Discuss and take action on the proposed tax rate. If it exceeds the voter-approval rate of the no-new-revenue rate (whichever is lower), take a record vote to place the proposal on a future City Council agenda and schedule a public hearing for September 15, 2026.

Ms. Mosby discussed the rate for the FY 2027.

Council discussed last year's rate as compared to the proposed tax rate for next year.

Alderman Fussell made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate pf 0.367228. Alderman Hafford duly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

8. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

9. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

There were no comments from the public.

10. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Hold a discussion with City Council on the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget.

Ms. Mosby let Council know that there were no changes made to the budget previously presented and asked if Council required any changes.

Alderman Diaz inquired about the chipper for the electrical department. Ms. Mosby clarified the cost and the bid amounts. She also shared the completed work so far and what areas were next. Alderman Diaz asked if it was contract work, Ms. Mosby affirmed that it is contract work.

Alderman Diaz asked where the funding would come from for the work. Ms. Mosby stated it would be from revenue.

Alderman Diaz asked if the work could be phased out. Ms. Mosby stated there were three phases for the hospital.

Ms. Mosby also discussed the completion of the majority of meters in town.

Alderman Diaz asked where the IT Manager was being paid from. Ms. Mosby answered in funds 502 and 531.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Leroy Hughes, Mayor

Rhonda Williams, City Secretary