Minutes March 11, 2024

Town of Augusta, Missouri

Dan Kemner Building

**Trustees Present**:

Joe Buchheit Chairman

Ellen Knoernschild Treasurer

Laura Miller Clerk

Randal Oaks Public Works

Rick Barton Secretary/Collector/Notary

**Citizens Present**: 22

Town Board meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. **Minutes**: 2/05/2024

 1.1 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept the 2/05/24 Minutes as presented.

 1.2 Seconded by Randal Oaks and approved.

2. **Treasurer’s and Budget Report**: 2/29/2024

 2.1 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept the Treasurer’s & Budget report for 2/29/2024 as presented.

2.2 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

3. **Checks**: 12390 - 12427

 3.1 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve checks 12390 – 12427 as written.

 3.2 Seconded by Randal Oaks and approved.

4. **Collector’s Report**:

 4.1 Eff 2-29-24 $38.66 2023 Tax season earned interest

 4.2 ck 2028 $10 Sign Permit s2024-01 Holy Grail

 4.3 ck 10129 $500 C.U.P Ashley Hesjedal

 4.4 ck 505 $25 Bus Lic Red Brick Inn

 4.5 ck 10016 $100 Rockwood Asset Mgmt 6 LLC

 4.6 ck 1077 $25 Bus Lic Honey Bee Vineyard

 4.7 ck 2644 $25 Bus Lic Root Hospitality

 4.8 ck 1029 $25 Bus Lic Holy Grail Winery

 4.9 ck 1018 $25 Bus Lic Honeyridge Hideaway

 4.10 ck 1513 $50 Bus Lic Ozark Hospitality/HS Clay

 4.11 ck 10128 $25 Bus Lic Rune Holdings LLC

 4.12 ck 1893 $25 Bus Lic Mt Pleasant Winery

 4.13 ck 3080 $25 Bus Lic Hoffman Gator Tours

 4.14 ck 3090 $25 Bus Lic Hoffman Gas Station

 4.15 ck 3152 $25 Bus Lic Augusta Clothing Store

 4.16 ck 1330 $25 Bus Lic Hoffman Augusta Gallery

 4.17 ck 2278 $25 Bus Lic The Emporium

 4.18 ck 2277 $50 Bus Lic Augusta Wine Co. & Beer Garden.

 4.19 ck 3074 $50 Bus Lic Hoffman Guest Homes

 4.20 ck 1078 $200 STR Honey Bee Vineyard LLC

 4.21 ck 1060 $200 STR The Cottage LLC

5. **Public Works**:

 5.1 There was an unusually high water bill for excess water usage in question.

 5.2 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve $788 in addition to the already approved $1000 for the Post Office door repair.

 5.3 Seconded by Randal Oaks and approved.

 5.4 Mowing bids read and accepted.

 5.5 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept Bill Harrison’s mowing bid for City Park of $235, Library of $70, Common ground of $62, Visitors Center of $40, Ballfield and Parking Area of $175 and extra work hourly rate of $50 an hour.

 5.6 Seconded by Randal Oaks and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

6. **Zoning and Planning:**

 6.1 Conditional Use Permit c2024-01

 6.2 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve C.U.P 2024-01 at 162 Jackson St.

 6.3 Seconded by Randal Oaks and approved.

 6.4 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve Sign Permit s2024-01 at 5506 Locust.

 6.5 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

7. **Chamber of Commerce:**

 **7.1 65 Artist signed up for Plein Air event.**

 **7.2 Chamber meeting 3/12**

 **7.3 Wandering Owl opening on April 5th**

 **7.4 Working on AVA Celebration for June**

 **7.5 Street closures will be approved in April**

8. **Parks Committee: no report**

9. **Farm Report**: no report

10. **Museum Report**:

 10.1 Garden work in progress

 10.2 Museum meeting March 14th

 10.3 Museum open Sunday May 4th

 10.4 Tell it “Like it Was” by Vic & Ruth Ann Brown

11. **Tree Committee Report**: no report

12. **Old Business**:

 12.1 Side Walk Grand update given.

13. **New Business**:

 13.1 Bill Introduced to Annex approx 28 acres to the Town of Augusta read by Title Only 1st reading.

 13.2 Clerk assigns Bill 2024-04.

 13.3 Bill 2024-04 Annexation to the Town of Augusta read by Title Only 2nd reading.

 13.4 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept Bill 2024-04 as Ordinance 2024-04.

 13.5 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

 13.6 Big Trash Day April 8th

 13.7 Election reminder for April 2nd. Two candidates.

14. **Open to Citizens:**

 **14.4 Mike Delay questions on Property Inspections.**

 **14.5 Ginny Mezei discussion on Disaster Plan**

 **14.6 Gay Eskew report:** BEST OF AUGUSTA" PHOTO CONTEST

This contest focuses on what makes Augusta unique.  What photos would make awesome postcards to showcase the Town of Augusta?

Photographers are checking out the unique aspects of Augusta.

One prize includes a $25.00 gift certificate from Halcyon Spa.  Would the Town be willing to donate a $25.00 cash prize?

A contest entry form and one printed photograph can be mailed to the Town PO Box 42 anytime in April and received by May 6th.

Each postcard will recognize the photographer; and in the possibility of more than one photograph per postcard, all of the photographers that contributed to the postcard will be identified.

There will be up to 4 postcards printed.  The goal is have them ready for sale by the September Harvest Festival.

I am looking for individuals to help sponsor a stipend for postcard type photographs that have been accepted for printing.

Our desire is to "invite" visitors to the Town of Augusta through postcards

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm. Next meeting 5/6/2024 at 6:30pm

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Richard J. Barton

Secretary/Collector/Notary