Minutes May 1, 2023

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**: 11

Town Board meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. **Minutes**:

1.1 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept the Apr 3, 2023 Minutes as presented.

1.2 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

2. **Treasurer’s Report**:

2.1 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept the Treasurer’s & Budget report for Apr 30, 2023 as presented.

2.2 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

3. **Checks**: 12007 - 12035

3.1 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve checks 12007 – 12035 as written.

3.2 Seconded by Randal Oaks and approved.

4. **Collector’s Report**:

4.1 Eff 4-14-23 $148.96 March 2023 collections

4.2 ck 1102 $25 Bus Lic Indian Creek 5593 Chestnut

4.3 ck 1128 $200 STR Permit Red Brick Inn

4.4 ck 1129 $25 Bus Lic Red Brick Inn

4.5 ck 3795 $10 Sign Permit Augusta Visitor Center

5. **Public Works**:

5.1 John Ballman to commence work on the drain at the Town Park after Plein Air event is over.

5.2 Motion made by Joe Buchheit to have Bill Harrison to mow the common ground behind Patsy Baravik for $60.

5.3 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

5.4 Motion made by Rick Barton to allocate $4000 for High St tree and brush clean up.

5.5 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

5.6 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve CrossCut bid of $900 for Town weed control.

5.7 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

5.8 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve $1416.88

for Library landscape by Town & Country.

5.9 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

5.10 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve up to $10,000 to repair the retaining wall at the History Museum.

5.11 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

5.12 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve $1100 for a pallet of asphalt patch.

5.13 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

5.14 Randal Oaks presented computer illustrations to try to put together a plan for playground equipment at the Town Square for meeting discussion. There will be a Public Town meeting on 5/22/23 discussing the Town Square and equipment needed.

**Committee Reports:**

6. **Zoning and Planning:**

6.1 Sign Permit 2023-03 Augusta Visitors Center needs approval.

6.2 Motion made by Rick Barton to approve Sign Permit 2023-03 Augusta Visitors Center.

6.3 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

6.4 Sign at the Hostel & Kickstand have not been taken down. The sign in front of the Hostel needs to have a sign permit application.

6.5 There was a suggestion made to have the stop sign at Jackson & Walnut removed.

7. **Chamber of Commerce:**

7.1 There was $107,000 on painting sold at the Plein Air event.

7.2 We had 125 Artist from 15 states that participated.

7.3 Discussion on Plein Air parking issues.

8. **Parks Committee: no report**

9. **Farm Report**: no report

10. **Museum Report**:

10.1 Plant sale May 6, 2023 at the History Museum

10.2 Open House May 7, 2023.

10.3 Lighting issued behind the History Museum

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

12. **Open to Citizens: no sign ups**

13. **Old Business**:

13.1 Great Missouri Wine Race had 500 people participate in the event.

14. **New Business**:

14.1 Reading of Bill by Title Only for Conditional Use Permit at 229 Lower to operate a Short Term Rental.

14.2 Clerk assigned Bill number 2023-08.

14.3 Bill 2023-08 read 2nd time by Title Only.

14.4 Motion made by Rick Barton to accept Bill 2023-08 as Ordinance 2023-08.

14.5 Seconded by Ellen Knoernschild and approved.

14.6 Gay Eskew report: "Best of Augusta" Photo Contest update

Several entries of Augusta will be coming from students in the Washington High School art class focusing on photography.  The teacher, Katie Borcherding, is promoting the contest to her students for this spring class and will continue to do so in each of her semester classes.

I've contacted others around Town, and Sarah Bayless from Augusta Elementary is also promoting the "all ages" contest.  I handed out entry forms to those taking pictures during the Plein Air.  Several others around Town have mentioned that they will enter the contest.  The deadline is May 15.  Judging will take place within a few days after the deadline.  Winners will be on the website, in the June Boone Country Connection, and in the library.

14.7 Motion made by Ellen Knoernschild to approve $1254 to Town & Country for cleaning and planting in the Museum Garden.

14.8 Seconded by Laura Miller and approved.

15. Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm. Next meeting 06/05/2023 at 7:000pm

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Richard J. Barton

Secretary/Collector/Notary