

Augusta City Council – Regular Meeting
Wednesday – March 20, 2024
6:30 p.m. – Clooney Community Center

Mayor John Laycock called the meeting to order and then opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Roll Call:	Matt McCane	present
	Josh White	present
	John Yingling	present
	Tina Sticklen	present
		(late 6:34 p.m.)
	David Mefford	present
	Peggy Kelsch	absent

MINUTE APPROVAL – FEBRUARY 21, 2024

John Yingling asked why the school was no longer a storm shelter for the community.
Discussion held.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024 by Matt McCane, second by John Yingling.

Roll Call:	Matt McCane	yes
	John White	yes
	John Yingling	yes
	Tina Sticklen	yes
	David Mefford	yes

AUDIT 2022/2023 – PAUL MADDOX

Auditor Paul Maddox was present to discuss the audit for 2022/2023.

Motion to approve the Audit 2022/2023 by Matt McCane, second by Tina Sticklen.

Roll Call:	Matt McCane	yes
	John White	yes
	John Yingling	yes
	Tina Sticklen	yes
	David Mefford	yes

RESOLUTION – WATER TOWER PROJECT GRANT

Motion to approve the resolution for the Water Tower Project Grant by John Yingling, second by Matt McCane.

Roll Call:	Matt McCane	yes
	John White	yes
	John Yingling	yes
	Tina Sticklen	yes
	David Mefford	yes

RESOLUTION – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Motion to approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to apply for a Homeland Security Grant to purchase security cameras for the ballpark and AED's for the police cruisers and City Office by Matt McCane, second by Josh White.

Roll Call:	Matt McCane	yes
	John White	yes
	John Yingling	yes
	Tina Sticklen	yes
	David Mefford	yes

STAFF REPORTS

Water Treatment Plant

Maintenance

Tourism

City Office

Police – Retiring Police Chief Charles Blackmar gave his final staff report.

Roll Call:	Tina Sticklen	yes
	David Mefford	yes
	Matt McCane	yes
	Josh White	yes

RETIREMENT OF POLICE CHIEF CHARLES BLACKMAR, JR.

Mayor John Laycock read the many accomplishments of retiring Chief Charles Blackmar, Jr. and presented him with a plaque from the City.

Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer presented Charles with a Resolution and an American Flag.

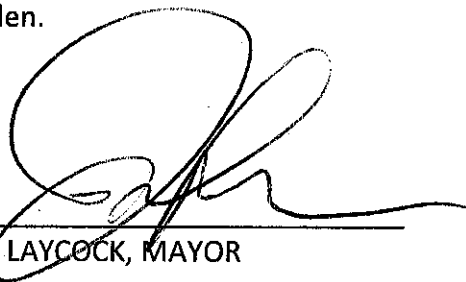
Charles spoke about his police career and thanked Mayor Laycock, City Council, City employees and Senator Frommeyer.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Matt McCane, second by Tina Sticklen.

All in favor.

DATE: 4-18-24



JOHN LAYCOCK, MAYOR

ATTEST: Gretchen Usleaman

GRETCHEN USLEAMAN, CITY CLERK/TREASURER