

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
January 18, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPEN & CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Taylor gave the opening prayer and Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Charles Collinsworth came in at 7:34 p.m., Richard Davidson, Tyler DeWitt, Julie Humphrey, and Ashton Robinson were present.

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Mayor Doubek and Angela Thomas were absent.

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson asked if there was a motion to excuse Mayor Doubek and Councilwoman Thomas; Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to excuse Mayor Doubek and Councilwoman Thomas; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Motion carried.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

Jordan Paul, City Attorney; David Kennedy, City Manager; Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk. Minutes taken by Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include:

January 4, 2022 Open Session Council Minutes

January 11, 2022 Special Session Council Minutes

January 11, 2022 Closed Session Council Minutes

Bill No. 2022-03: Ballot Language requesting a Charter Amendment for Council Voting Requirements for April 5, 2022 Election, 2nd & 3rd Readings

Bill No. 2022-05: Special Use Permit for 1205 Ozark for a Hair Salon/Barber Shop, 2nd & 3rd Readings

Bill No. 2022-06: Rezoning for 314 E. Spring Street from M-1 to C-2 from Heather Hummel, 2nd & 3rd Readings

Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Motion carried.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Mark Taylor informed the Council on the 2021 Community Christmas that was held at the Municipal Auditorium. There were 200 people served that day and 500 people served total.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation for Rachel Holcomb was read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright and presented to Rachel Holcomb by Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson.

BIDS

16-Foot Gooseneck Dump Trailer

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council stating that there were multiple bids sent out and only three were received back.

Fry Farms	\$14,900.00
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Sancrest, LLC	\$14,995.00
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Westgate Trailer Sales	\$13,075.00
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There was \$15,000 budgeted for this purchase. Other cost associated with this purchase will include installing a hitch in the ¾ ton 4X4 Ford Truck. Staff recommends approving the bid from Westgate Trailer Sales in the amount of \$13,075.

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to approve the bid from Westgate Trailer Sales in the amount of \$13,075; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

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Tyler DeWitt - Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES (1st Readings)

Bill No. 2022-07: Change Order to Visu Sewer Slip Lining CIPP, 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into a First Amendment to Agreement for Construction Services with Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of conducting point repairs, CCTV/cleaning, and related mobilization for the not to exceed price of One Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen and 97/100 Dollars (\$104,917.97); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Bill No. 2022-07 read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to discuss and approve Bill No. 2022-07 Change Order to Visu Sewer Slip Lining CIPP, 1st Reading; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this change order is to request Council's approval of fixing the issues that have been found since Visu Sewer started slip lining. There have been deficiencies found in the lines. It is kind of like surgery, sometimes you do not know the full extent of the issue until you get in there and see it. The true amount would actually be \$108,017.97, which is \$3,100 more than the ordinance says.

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to amend the ordinance to read \$108,017.97 instead of \$104,917.97 as the true amount needed for the change order; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote to amend:

Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt - Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Motion carried.

Roll call vote to approve as amended:

Tyler DeWitt - Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Motion carried.

Bill No. 2022-08: Agreement with Newton County Dispatch, 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with the County of Newton, Missouri, for the purpose of providing dispatch services; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Bill No. 2022-08 read in title only by Attorney Paul.

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Councilman DeWitt made a motion to discuss and approve Bill No. 2022-08: Agreement with Newton County Dispatch, 1st Reading; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Police Chief Baird addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to approve the contract with the Newton County Dispatch. The City has contracted with Central Dispatch since 1995 for the complete service allowing us to be free of the expense and management of equipment and staffing to provide this valuable service.

Roll call vote:

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Holiday Classic

Justin Branham addressed the Council stating that he has some of the expenditures from the Neosho Holiday Classic. He shows currently expenditures totaling \$40,580.00.

Discussion was held.

By a consensus of the Council for Justin Branham to schedule a meeting with the City Manager to get all of the numbers from this event for City Manager Kennedy to present to the Council.

Region M Request to Apply for Grant

Public Works Director Siler addressed Council stating that this is a request to apply for the Region M Grant that helps to fund the Recycle Center.

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to approve applying for the Region M Grant; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Motion carried.

Region M Grant Application

Public Works Director Siler requested approval of the application for the Region M Grant. The City is requesting \$76,481.06 in grant monies from Region M.

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to approve the Region M Grant Application; Councilman DeWitt

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seconded.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Motion carried.

2022 State Farm Grant

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council about applying for the State Farm grant to build an all-inclusive playground at Big Spring Park.

Discussion was held on the location of this equipment.

Leatta Workman asked if she could address the Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson gave her permission to speak before the Council. She stated that this grant alone cannot ensure the funds are secured. She stated that other cities are winning these grants because of stacking other grants on top of this one. The ADA and all-inclusive standards need to be looked at because if Leatta Workman cannot get myself or my kids to the equipment that is on the grass and has wood shavings as the fall protection, then this equipment is useless for those with disabilities.

By a consensus of Council, to move this discussion to February 1, 2022 Council Meeting.

Councilman Collinsworth came into the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

2022 RTP Grant

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council about applying for the Recreational Trails Grant for the Morse Park Bike Trails. The request for this year would be 9,240 feet beginner/intermediate trail at a cost of \$89,300.00. The city's match would be a 6 x 50 steel arched framed pedestrian bridge with wood traffic floor valued at \$62,000.00.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve applying for the 2022 RTP Grant; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

Firewood Cutting Permit

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council about allowing for firewood removal from city

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property. The active timber sale on the airport property has created a list of interested parties who would like to remove firewood after the sale. The slash left on-site after a timber cutting, can become an increased fire hazard.

Discussion was held on whether or not to charge for cutting and governing how many ricks can be cut.

By a consensus of the Council to follow the State of Missouri’s guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Airport Industrial Development Board

Resignation of Richard Davidson

Golf Course Board

Resignation of Richard Davidson

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to accept the letters of resignation due to work conflicts; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

- Julie Humphrey – Yes
- Ashton Robinson - Yes
- Charles Collinsworth – Yes
- Richard Davidson – Yes
- Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Motion carried.

Neosho Historic District Preservation Board

Letter of Interest from Master Scott Hall

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to accept the letter of interest from Master Scott Hall to serve on the Neosho Historic District Preservation Board; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

- Ashton Robinson - Yes
- Charles Collinsworth – Yes
- Richard Davidson – Yes
- Tyler DeWitt - Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response, he asked for a motion to adjourn; a motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson; seconded by Councilman Collinsworth.

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Charles Collinworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt - Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

William H. Dulik

Mayor

Cheyenne Wilt

City Clerk

