

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
February 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPEN & CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doubek called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tye Zola gave the opening prayer and Councilwoman Humphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Tyler DeWitt, William Doubek, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, and Angela Thomas were present.

COUNCIL ABSENT:

There were no council members absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Approving the consent agenda items below:

January 18, 2022 Open Session Council Minutes

January 27, 2022 Special Session Council Minutes

Bill No. 2022-07: Change Order to Visu Sewer Slip Lining CIPP, 2nd & 3rd Readings

Bill No. 2022-08: Agreement with Newton County Dispatch, 2nd & 3rd Readings

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to approve the agenda and approve the Consent Agenda; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

William Doubek – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES (1st Readings)

Bill No. 2022-01: Agreement with MDC with the Fire Department

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with the Department of Conservation, an executive branch agency of the State of Missouri, for the purpose of preventing and controlling wildfires in Newton County, Missouri; and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Bill No. 2022-01 read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-01: Agreement with MDC with the Fire Department, 1st Reading; Councilman Collinsworth seconded

Fire Chief Houk addressed the Council stating that this is the forestry contract with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Neosho Fire Department. There have been no changes to the contract, however due to the change in Fire Chiefs the contracts needs updated. Staff is requesting Council approve Fire Chief Houk to be put as the contact for the MDC Forestry Contract.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

William Doubek – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Bill No. 2022-02: Rezoning for 316 N. Wood from M-1 to C-3

Mayor Doubek opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Chad Henry was present to speak on this rezoning. He owns this property and would like to partner with the Canopy Church to make this building into a women/children's shelter. This program could be operated within an M-1, however we are needing to renovate and add on to the existing building and possibly add more buildings in the future and M-1 does not allow for that.

Jeremy Bridges, Pastor of Canopy Church, was present to speak in favor of this rezoning. Mr. Bridges has a heart for this project and also sits on the board for Restoration Life Center.

Councilwoman Humphrey asked if neighbors have been contacted?

Mr. Bridges stated that he has spoke to all neighbors except for the apartment building. All those spoke to, were in favor of this project.

There was nobody else present to speak on this rezoning.

Discussion was held amongst the Council, Mr. Henry and Mr. Bridges.

Mayor Doubek closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

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Bill No. 2022-02: Rezoning for 316 N. Wood from M-1 to C-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, REZONING THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY A PLOT OF LAND AT 316 N WOOD ST FROM M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C-3, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF HAVING A WOMEN’S SHELTER ON THE PROPERTY.

Bill No. 2022-02 read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-02: Rezoning for 316 N. Wood from M-1 to C-3, 1st Reading; Councilman DeWitt seconded

City Manager Kennedy stated that Planning and Zoning met on January 11, 2022 to discuss this request. The motion was to not to recommend this rezoning to Council but to have them do a Special Use Permit. The vote was Yes – 5 and No – 0. There was nobody present to speak at this board meeting.

There was discussion amongst the Council on the M-1 code and whether or not the rezoning was even necessary.

Roll call vote:

Tyler DeWitt – Yes
William Doubek – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
carried.

Bill No. 2022-10: Amending Section 705.430 Subsection C – Repealing Sewer Reconnection Fee

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 705.430 “When Bills Due – Discontinuance of Service” subsection C, by repealing subsection C, and enacting a new subsection C in lieu thereof.”

Bill No. 2022-10 read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-10: Amending Section 705.430 Subsection C – Repealing Sewer Reconnection Fee, 1st Reading; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to correct the Code. Currently the City charges \$20.00 for a reconnection fee after the utility has been shut off due to non-payment. Currently the Code states that this is a \$10.00 fee for reconnection of water and \$10.00 fee for disconnection of sewer. The amendment would remove the sewer portion, as this is not something that is disconnected, only water.

Roll call vote:

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William Doubek – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
Motion carried.

Bill No. 2022-11: Amending Section 710.210 Subsection E – Water Reconnection Fee

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 710.210 “When Water Bills Due and Payable – Penalty, Discontinuance of Service and Forfeiture of Deposit Upon Non-Payment – Turn-On Charge” subsection E, by repealing subsection E, and enacting a new subsection E in lieu thereof.

Bill No. 2022-11 read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-11: Amending Section 710.210 Subsection E – Water Reconnection Fee, 1st Reading; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
William Doubek – Yes
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SAM Registration-New Authorized User

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that this is to update the authorized user for the SAM registration to Richard Leavens since Rachel Holcomb has left the employment of the City of Neosho. This portal is used for grant submissions and FEMA/SEMA.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve Richard Leavens as the SAM authorized user; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
William Doubek – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes

Motion carried.

Pool Resurface

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council stating that the City has \$30,000.00 budgeted to repaint the pool and \$10,000.00 to repair leaks along the seams of the pool. After the water loss and the cost of this loss last year, staff began looking into options for correcting the leakage besides using patches. Staff have found an option that would completely seal the entire pool against leakage. This product would first have a sealing coat, then beading, then another sealing coat with another layer of beading on top. This option would be more than what is currently budgeted for however the cost of water loss last year was estimated at around \$21,000.00 to keep water in the pool. Staff would like to ask Council for approval of taking this out to bid.

Discussion was held amongst staff and Council.

Council requested that Staff look into the cost of moving towards a water park.

By a consensus of Council, to go out for bid for this new product and see what the bids come in at.

State Farm Neighborhood Assist Program Grant

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council stating that during the last Council Meeting, Council requested staff to look into other locations and options for this grant and bring this information back to Council. Mr. Dalbom stated that he looked into the Large Webb Park and putting in sidewalks, mulch and berm. He also spoke to Miracle Playground Equipment and the cost for an all-inclusive playground. The cost for this location came in at \$98,429.09. The Large Webb Park is also in the flood zone. Mr. Dalbom also looked into putting this equipment at Scenic Park. This would need some additional work also in order to work and there is not as much parking at this location. The cost for putting this equipment at this site is \$98,929.09. The grant, if received, would only be \$25,000, so the City of Neosho would have to come up with the rest for this project.

Council asked where the extra funding for this would come from.

City Manager Kennedy stated that the sales tax for the City has been up and will allow for extra funding in the general fund, however the grant approval would not come in until August. This would be budgeted for in FY23, if approved by Council.

By a consensus of Council to move forward with applying for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Program Grant.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Airport Industrial Development Board

1. *Council Member*

Mayor Doubek stated that he would fill this ex-officio seat; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Angela Thomas – Yes

Charles Collinworth – Yes

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

Golf Course Board

1. *Council Member*

Mayor Doubek made a motion to appoint Ashton Robinson, Councilwoman, to this ex-officio seat; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
William Doubek – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes
Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Commission

1. *Rachel Holcomb has submitted a letter of interest*

Mayor Doubek made a motion to appoint Rachel Holcomb to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
William Doubek – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Councilman Davidson asked Staff, what plans to get information out to the public, have been made regarding the Use Tax that will be placed on the April ballot. Councilman Davidson stated that in the past townhall meetings were held to get the information to the public. He stated that it is very important for elected officials to be present at these meetings.

City Manager Kennedy stated that we have gotten the flyer approved and it will go out in the next water billing cycle. Staff will also be setting up times to speak at the local civic groups.

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It was determined that there would also be townhall meetings set up.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Doubek asked for a motion to go into closed session under Section 610.021 (2) RSMo... Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration, therefore.

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to go into closed session under Section 610.021 (2) RSMo; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

- Tyler DeWitt – Yes
- William Doubek – Yes
- Julie Humphrey – Yes
- Ashton Robinson - Yes
- Angela Thomas – Yes
- Charles Collinsworth – Yes
- Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Doubek closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 8:38 p.m. and announced that one vote was taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Doubek 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 Thomas; seconded by Councilman DeWitt.

Roll call vote:

- William Doubek – Yes
- Julie Humphrey – Yes
- Ashton Robinson - Yes
- Angela Thomas – Yes
- Charles Collinsworth – Yes
- Richard Davidson – Yes
- Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Doubek adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:40 p.m.

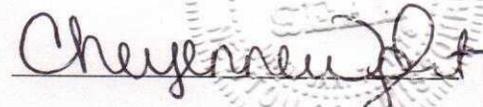
APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST



City Clerk

