

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
February 15, 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

Jeremie Bridges gave the opening prayer and Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Richard Davidson, Tyler DeWitt, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, and Angela Thomas were present.

COUNCIL ABSENT:

William Doubek was absent, approved by Council. Charles Collinsworth was absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson made a motion to excuse Mayor Doubek; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman DeWitt seconded.
All in favor. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to consent the agenda to approve the following documents:

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February 1, 2022 Closed Session Council Minutes

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

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

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

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

Seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

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Roll call vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you to the Parks Department read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright.

Thank you from the Neosho Arts Council to the City Council and Public Works read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation for Habitat for Humanity

Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
City of Neosho

***WHEREAS**, the Neosho Habitat for Humanity recognizes that home-ownership strengthens families, builds communities and promotes personal well-being; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Neosho Habitat for Humanity was established in 1983; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Neosho Habitat for Humanity has succeeded in creating sixteen (16) affordable houses for families by working with partner families and volunteers to build simple, decent, affordable homes in the Neosho community; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Neosho Habitat for Humanity has started offering two new programs to Neosho:*

*“**A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS**,” that will help people who need light exterior repairs on their homes but are financially or physically unable to do it themselves and;*

*“**CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM**,” to help low-income homeowners alleviate health and safety issues in and around their home; and*

***BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Neosho, Missouri, that many heartfelt thanks are hereby expressed for the work and efforts being done by Habitat for Humanity.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard Davidson, Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Neosho, Missouri, do hereby express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for Habitat for Humanity of Neosho and all this organization does to better our community.*

VISITOR’S BUSINESS

There was no one present for Visitor’s Business.

BIDS

Haying and Seeding at the Airport

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Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that the city went out for bid for haying and seeding services at the Neosho Hugh Robinson Airport. The bid specs also requested a 3-year contract with the winner of the bid. There were two bids received back.

Jim Morgan Farms	\$2,300.00 paid to the City per year.
Talley Farms	\$2,200.00 paid to the City per year.

Staff recommends approving the bid from Talley Farms in the amount of \$2,200.00. This bid is \$100.00 less than Jim Morgan Farm's bid, however the Airport Industrial Development Board has also suggested this bid due to issues with work being done in a timely manner by Jim Morgan Farms.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve the bid from Talley Farms in the amount of \$2,200.00; Councilman DeWitt seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Pool Resurfacing

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council's approval of the pool resurfacing bid. There were three bid packets sent out and two were received back.

Titan Aquatics	\$169,000.00
Flexground Surfaces, Inc.	\$180,301.50

Staff recommends approving the bid from Titan Aquatics of Kansas City, MO in the amount of \$169,000.00. This company would have a start date of March 1st and will also take care of the kiddie pool.

City Manager Kennedy stated that the plan is to pull \$120,000.00 from General Fund balance and it can also be possible to use ARPA funds for this project.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve the bid from Titan Aquatics of Kansas City, MO in the amount of \$169,000.00 for the pool resurfacing; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES (1st Readings)

Bill No. 2022-12: Amending Section 605.080 Term – Expiration Date – When Licenses Delinquent

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 605.080 “Term – Expiration Date – When Licenses Delinquent,” by repealing Section 605.080, and enacting a new Section 605.080 in lieu thereof.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-12 in title only.

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-12 Amending Section 605.080 Term – Expiration Date – When Licenses Delinquent; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to correct the dates that business licenses become delinquent. Business licenses currently expire annually on the thirtieth (30th) of September and are deemed delinquent October first (1st). The current language reads licenses will expire the thirtieth (30th) of June and delinquent the next succeeding July first (1st) after issuance. Staff requests Council approval to amend this code through Bill No. 2022-12.

Roll call vote:

Angela Thomas – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2022-13: Amending Section 605.120 Fees – Penalty for Delayed Payment

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 605.120 “Fees – Penalty for Delayed Payment,” by repealing Section 605.120, and enacting a new Section 605.120 in lieu thereof.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-13 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-13: Amending Section 605.120 Fees – Penalty for Delayed Payment; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to amend the language for the month exempt from penalties for late renewals of business licenses from July to October. Business license renewals are due September thirtieth (30th) with penalties being imposed beginning in November. The current language reads July is the exception month and this amendment corrects that to October.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes
Tyler DeWitt – Yes
Julie Humphrey – Yes
Ashton Robinson - Yes
Angela Thomas – Yes

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Bill No. 2022-02: Purchasing Policy for Retiring Police Officer’s Service Weapons

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

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2022-02: Purchasing Policy for Retiring Police Officer’s Service Weapons; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Police Chief Baird addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to allow the City of Neosho to sell an officer their duty weapon upon retirement. This resolution will allow City of Neosho to sell an officer his/her issued duty weapon upon retirement. This is common practice at many different agencies, including the Missouri Highway Patrol. The officer will agree to reimburse the city in full for the purchase price of the replacement weapon.

Roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

KPM Audit Services Agreement

Finance Director Forest addressed the Council stating that this agreement is for the approval of audit services for the FY21 Financial Audit. On August 21, 2018, the City Council awarded the bid for the City’s annual auditing services to KPM. The contract is to be renewed and approved on an annual basis. This engagement letter for the fourth year in the five year bid will be for the independent auditing services for the City’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to approve the agreement with KPM for audit services for FY21; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

LLEGB Grant

Police Chief Baird addressed the Council stating that this grant is from Missouri Department of Public Safety. This grant is one we apply for each year for assistance in funding small capital items. In past years, we have been awarded safety equipment, such as LED light bars, restraint cages, and weapons racks for the patrol

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vehicles. This current grant will fund two patrol vehicle light bars in the amount of \$2,615.00. This will be the final two light bars needed to completely replace all light bars. There is no match from the City required.

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to approve the LLEGB grant agreement for the light bars for the Neosho Police Department; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Motion carried.

Irrevocable Consent for 13573 Quince Road

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that this customer would like to be put on City water services and has requested an irrevocable consent. Staff requests the approval of this irrevocable consent.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve the irrevocable consent request for 13573 Quince Road; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

Angela Thomas – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

Motion carried.

Celebrate Neosho Fees for Vendors

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that the Events Board has requested Council's approval for the changing of vendor requirements for Celebrate Neosho including fees and activity requirements. The City of Neosho did not charge fees for vendors last year and civic organizations were not invited except for two civic food vendors. The Events Board is requesting approval to charge a fee for vendors that are operating for profit at Celebrate Neosho. The Events Board suggests a \$25.00 fee for "for profit" vendors and an additional \$10.00 fee for vendors needing an electric hook up. The Events Board would also propose that any civic organization at the event be required to have an activity that is free for children.

Councilman DeWitt made a motion to approve the vendor fees for Celebrate Neosho; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson - Yes

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Angela Thomas – Yes
Motion carried.

Disc Golf Tournament Request

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council stating that the Events Board approved the funds requested by Frank Hebert with Neosho Little Big Show Disc Golf Tournament in the amount of \$5,920.00. The City of Neosho sponsored the tournament last year in the amount of \$4,786.00.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating, last year Mr. Hebert was told to go before the Events Board prior to budget sessions. This would ensure that this event would be placed within the budget. The City Manager's recommendation would be \$1,000 to \$1,500.00. Councilman Davidson stated that this funding from the City is just for a seed starter for these events and should not be used to sustain the event.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve the purchase of the discs in the amount of \$1,620.00; Councilman Davidson seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Shawn Middendorf from Alliance Water Resources addressed the Council and stated that he will be taking another position with Alliance and introduced his replacement, Brian Peeper.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that the Use Tax townhall meetings have been scheduled and will be put on the website and Facebook and sent through Notify Me.

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 Councilwoman Humphrey.

Roll call vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson adjourned the regular session meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

William H. Owen

Mayor Pro Tempore

Cheyenne Wight

City Clerk

