

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
June 21, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPEN & CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Taylor gave the opening prayer and Mayor DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson via Video Conference, Tyler DeWitt, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, and Angela Thomas were present.

COUNCIL ABSENT:

None were absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL AND CONSENT OF AGENDA

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and consent the agenda to include the following items:

June 7, 2022 Open Session Council Minutes

June 14, 2022 Special Session Council Minutes

Bill No. 2022-46: Change Order for Blevins Asphalt Construction

Bill No. 2022-47: MoDOT Cost Share Amendment

Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Carl Cobb – Yes

Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson – Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Motion carried.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was no one present for visitor's business.

BIDS

Mueller Mega-Lite Drilling Machine

Public Works Director Siler addressed the Council stating that this agenda item is to seek Council’s approval for a large tapping machine. There were three bids sent out and two bids were sent back.

Ferguson Waterworks	\$18,582.82
Joplin Supply Co.	\$18,971.61
Core & Main	\$NO BID

This purchase is budgeted out of the D&M budget, however the amount that was budgeted was \$15,000. The bids are above the original budget price in D&M capitol, but all other bids from this account were well below bid prices.

Staff recommends approving the bid from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$18,852.82.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve the bid from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$18,852.82; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

- Charles Collinsworth - Yes
- Richard Davidson – Yes
- Tyler DeWitt – Yes
- Julie Humphrey – Yes
- Ashton Robinson – Yes
- Angela Thomas – Yes
- Carl Cobb – Yes

Motion carried.

Payment Kiosk

Finance Director Forest addressed the Council stating that the purpose of the agenda item is to seek council’s approval of the bid for the payment kiosk that would be used for utility billing, court fines and RV camping. This will give customers another avenue for after hour payments. There were five bids sent out and two were received back.

AdComp Systems Group	Installation Cost	\$35,063.00
	Debit pin pad, coin dispenser	\$7,251.00
	Annual Software	<u>\$6,812.60</u>
	Total Installed Cost	\$49,126.60
City Base	Installation Cost	\$20,000.00
	Annual Software	<u>\$19,600.00</u>
	Total Installed Cost	\$39,600.00

Staff recommends approving the bid from AdComp Systems Group in the amount of \$49,126.60.

Discussion was held amongst the Council and the Finance Director.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve the bid from AdComp Systems Group in the amount of

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\$49,126.60; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES (1st Reading)

Bill No. 2022-48: Region M Grant Agreement

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with the Region M Solid Waste Management District, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, for the purpose of accepting grant funding for the operation of the Neosho Regional Recycling Center; and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Bill No. 2022-48 was read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-48: Region M Grant Agreement; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Public Works Director Siler addressed the Council stating that staff is seeking council approval of the financial assistance agreement with Region M Solid Waste Management District. The total funds would be \$68,832.95 and this is over \$11,000.00 more than last years awarded amount.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Bill No. 2022-49: Gross Receipts Tax Liberty Utilities

AN ORDINANCE reaffirming the gross receipts tax to be imposed upon electric corporations conducting business within the City and matters relating thereto.

Bill No. 2022-49 was read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-49: Gross Receipts Tax Liberty Utilities; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

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Attorney Paul addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to maintain the existing rate of 5% for our gross receipts tax – Empire District Electric Company dba (“Liberty”). On April 6, 2022, the Missouri Public Service Commission approved an increase in the annual revenues of Liberty. The Commission issued an Order approving Tariff Sheets in Compliance with Commission Order on May 17, 2022, with an effective date of June 1, 2022. On June 2, 2022, PSC issued Order for Liberty to provide notices to cities and counties of the electric rate increase as required by Section 393.275.1 RSMo. The tariff increase was 7.38 and any tariff increase in excess of 7 percent trigger certain requirements under Section 393.275.1 RSMo, to either roll back the rate of gross receipts taxes imposed by cities on Liberty or to pass an ordinance maintaining the existing rates despite the increase in the gross receipts to Liberty as a result of the tariff increase.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Bill No. 2022-50: Freeman and Stratford Engineering Services Agreement for Stormwater Improvements

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into a First Amendment to Contract for Engineering and Technical Services with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc., a Missouri Corporation, for the purpose of providing engineering services related to stormwater improvements in the area of Stratford Place and Freeman Road; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Bill No. 2022-50 was read in title only by Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2022-50: Freeman and Stratford Engineering Services Agreement for Stormwater Improvements; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that this is to seek an extension to the performance time for the engineering agreement on the Stratford Stormwater and Freeman Road Stormwater Improvements project for an additional 365 days.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Shotwell – Update from AAA (Area Agency of Aging)

Jennifer Shotwell addressed the City Council updating them on the activities and goings on of the Neosho Senior Center.

Irrevocable Consent to Annexation 1882 Ridgewood Road

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from Council of an irrevocable consent to annexation for 1882 Ridgewood Road for the purpose of connecting to the City's drinking water system.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve the Irrevocable Consent to Annexation 1882 Ridgewood Road; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Angela Thomas – Yes

Carl Cobb – Yes

Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson – Yes

Motion carried.

Crowder College Golf Team

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom addressed the Council stating that this is to seek input for an agreement with Crowder College Golf Teams and the use of the Neosho Municipal Golf Course.

Discussion was held.

Council requested that before going any further, they would like to have someone from Crowder College that can speak on this agreement and answer questions that they have.

Hooked on Life Golf Tournament

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council's input on a request for a reduced rate for the Hooked-on Life Golf Tournament that was held on June 11, 2022, at the Neosho Municipal Golf Course. Staci Ashworth met with the City Manager stating that the day of their tournament, a City employee did not show up to work at the scheduled 6 a.m. time for preparation for the 8:30 a.m. tournament start. This created some initial chaos organizing the event, but the tournament did start on time. Staci Ashworth has requested a reduced rate for the tournament due to the extra effort she and her family had to put in to make the tournament happen.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve the reduced rate at the discretion of the City Manager; Councilman Cobb seconded.

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Roll Call Vote:

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

Cyber Insurance

City Clerk Wright explained Council stating that on May 25, 2022, staff was made aware that MIRMA (the City's insurance pool) will no longer be able to cover Cyber Liability Insurance. Staff has been working with Stronghold Data and Cary Marion to try to find insurance for the City of Neosho by July 1st, when our insurance is no longer in place through MIRMA. Staff has also been working with Stronghold Data to strengthen any holes they may find. We reached out to Lockton, which is the company that MIRMA suggested to the members, however there were items that they wanted done in order to submit that were not done yet on our end. So, Lockton was unwilling to give us a quote due to certain criteria not being in place. The quote received from The Insurance Center is in the amount of \$9,240.00 for \$1,000,000 limit of liability and \$10,552.50 for \$2,000,000 limit of liability. Staff recommends approving the quote from The Insurance Center for the \$2,000,000 limit of liability.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve the quote from The Insurance Center in the amount of \$10,552.50 for \$2,000,000 limit of liability; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Updates Stronghold Data

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to inform Council of items that were found by Stronghold that need done to increase cyber security. There are two different items they suggested. The amount for these two items would be \$3,755.00.

Attorney Paul stated that this agreement just came through right before coming to Council and that he would like that the same language he changed on their April Master Service Agreement would also be changed in this agreement.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve the quote from Stronghold Data in the amount of \$3,755.00 with the language included from the April Master Service Agreement; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

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Roll Call Vote:

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

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Events Board

Letter of Resignation from Randy Hodges
Letter of Interest from Jeff Jones

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Randy Hodges and also accept the appointment letter from Jeff Jones to serve on the Events Board and seconded by Councilwoman Humphrey.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Neosho Newton County Library Board

Letter of Reappointment for Phyllis Blackwood

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to accept the letter of reappointment from Phyllis Blackwood; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Neosho IOOF Cemetery Board

Letter of Reappointment for Don Arnce

Councilman Cobb made a motion to reappoint Don Arnce to the IOOF Cemetery Board; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to appoint Councilman Davidson to the vacant Council seat on the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board; seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Senior Citizen Committee

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to appoint Councilman Cobb to the vacant Council seat on the Senior Citizen Committee; seconded by Councilwoman Cobb.

Roll Call Vote:

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

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

City Clerk Wright updated the Council on the new website launch date and also the first meeting of the Council where the new meeting software would be used.

Parks and Recreation Director Dalbom also updated the Council on the Neosho Municipal Pool reopening on Friday.

Councilman Davidson stated to the Council that there have been some issues with a business just off of the square, Fidelity Abstract that are trying to update the outside of their building and running into issues with the Historic Preservation Committee. He would like to see this put on the July 5, 2022 Council Meeting.

Fire Chief Houk updated the Council on the new water rescue boats. The boats were used recently for assistance at Grand Falls in Joplin for water rescue. The employees are very well-trained personnel and proud of them.

ADJOURN

Mayor DeWitt 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 Councilman Collinsworth; seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

Roll Call Vote:

Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Tyler DeWitt – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Ashton Robinson – Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Carl Cobb – Yes

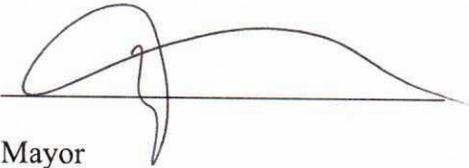
Motion carried.

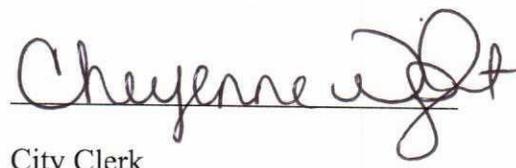
Mayor DeWitt adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:54 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL


Mayor


City Clerk

