

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 16, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeremie Bridges gave the opening prayer and Mayor DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Tyler DeWitt, Ashton Robinson, Richard Davidson, Charles Collinsworth, Carl Cobb, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas

COUNCIL ABSENT:

None were absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

DAVID KENNEDY, CITY MANAGER; JORDAN PAUL, CITY ATTORNEY; CHEYENNE WRIGHT, CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Davidson made a motion to Approve the Agenda; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Consent the Agenda; Councilman Collinsworth seconded. to include:

August 2, 2022 Budget Work Session Minutes

August 2, 2022 Council Meeting Open Session Minutes

July 19, 2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Bill No. 2022-57: Adcomp Agreement for Payment Kiosk

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION FOR K&S WIRE PRODUCTS INC.

Proclamation for K&S Wire, Inc. was read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright.

Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
City of Neosho

*WHEREAS, the Neosho City Council wishes to recognize the businesses and employers of our community; and
WHEREAS, K&S Wire Products Inc. recognizes the role of our employers' contribution to the area's growth and development, and their support of our economy; and*

WHEREAS, K&S Wire Products Inc. has provided quality service in our community since 1995; and

WHEREAS, K&S Wire Products Inc. has seventy-three (73) employees who serve the citizens of Neosho; and

WHEREAS, K&S Wire Products Inc., operating from their location at 300 Nelson Avenue, continues to be a valued asset in the community of Neosho;

WHEREFORE, I, Tyler DeWitt, Mayor of the City of Neosho, Missouri do hereby proclaim on this 16th day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two, K&S Wire Products Inc. as the Business/Employer of the Month for August 2022. We wish to recognize them for their commitment to quality and their involvement in the community. Thank you for being a part of our city.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

BEVERLY GRANGER - WATER LEAK COMPENSATION

Beverly Granger was present to speak to Council regarding a water leak that she felt was ultimately the City's fault. It was \$3,200.00 to get this fixed. She is requesting \$3,200.00 for cost of replacement.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if there were any pictures or invoices that she brought.

No, she did not bring them tonight, however she submitted those to the Water Department.

A discussion was held between Council, Beverly Granger, and Nate Siler.

BIDS

BENTON DOG PARK

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that bids were sent out to put a dog park at Benton Dog Park. After speaking with Kenny Balls of the Parks Department, staff felt this is not the best location. It came in at \$20,000 for the dog park and a gazebo, which was an additional \$7,000. Mr. Balls came up with a plan to put this in a location where there is a pavilion and bathroom already present. We request the Council to reject these bids and move the funds to next year's budget. We are looking at the south side of the bridge at Scenic

Park. We did not allow enough time for contractors to bid either.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Reject the bid for the Benton Dog Park and moving these funds to the FY23 budget; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL NO. 2022-61 FY23 PROPERTY TAX

Public Hearing for Bill No. 2022-61 opened at: 7:36 p.m.

There was nobody present to speak.

Public Hearing for Bill No. 2022-61 closed at: 7:37 p.m.

BILL NO. 2022-61: FY23 PROPERTY TAX, UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE 1ST, 2ND & 3RD READINGS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, PROVIDING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022, UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-61 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-61: FY23 Property Tax, under emergency measure; Councilman Cobb seconded.

City Clerk Wright explained that this bill is under emergency measure and due to this being an equal numbered year, the tax ceiling is set. The current property tax rate is 0.3523. The Council can reduce the tax but cannot increase it this year.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BILL NO. 2022-56: CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO REPORT

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-56 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-56: MEC Conflict of Interest; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Attorney Paul stated to the Council that this is to comply with the Missouri Ethics Commission on reporting personal financial disclosure statements and conflicts of interest for certain municipal officials. This is done every year.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BILL NO. 2022-58: SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY

An Ordinance of the City of Neosho, Missouri declaring certain personal property as surplus; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-56 in title only. Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-58: Surplus City Property; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

City Clerk Wright addressed the Council stating that this ordinance is to surplus items the city is no longer in use or need of. Staff plan to have a surplus auction the end of September.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BILL NO. 2022-60: MAJOR ENTERPRISES, INC. BILLBOARD MARKETING AGREEMENT

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Major Ent., Inc., a Missouri Corporation, for the purpose of billboard marketing for the not to exceed price of Five Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,700.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-60 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-60: Major Enterprises, Inc. Agreement; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

City Manager Kennedy stated that this is for the advertising billboards in Neosho for city events and marketing.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BILL NO. 2022-62: ANTHEM BCBS FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, for the purpose of offering group health, dental, and vision insurance; authorizing the City of Neosho to terminate an Agreement with Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, a South Carolina Corporation, for the purpose of offering group dental insurance; authorizing the City of Neosho to terminate an Agreement with UNUM Insurance Company, a Massachusetts Corporation, for the purpose of offering group vision insurance; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the foregoing by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-62 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-62: Anthem BCBS Agreement; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the Council stating that the rates for Anthem Health, Dental and Vision will be staying the same.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BILL NO. 2022-63: MUTUAL OF OMAHA FOR LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co., a Nebraska Corporation, for the purpose of offering group life and disability insurance; authorizing the City of Neosho to terminate an Agreement with Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, a South Carolina Corporation, for the purpose of offering group life insurance; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the foregoing by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-63 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-63: Mutual of Omaha Agreement; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the Council stating that Life and Disability Insurance will still be done through Mutual of Omaha and these rates are based off of age and salary.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BILL NO. 2022-64: ALLSTATE FOR ACCIDENT, CANCER, AND CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Allstate Insurance Company, an Illinois Corporation, for the purpose of offering group accident, group cancer, and group critical illness insurance; authorizing the City of Neosho to terminate an Agreement with Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, a South Carolina Corporation, for the purpose of offering group accident, group cancer, and group critical illness insurance; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the foregoing by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Paul read Bill No. 2022-64 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2022-64: AllState Agreement; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the Council stating that staff will be moving away from Colonial Life Insurance and back to AllState. Employees have expressed that they really liked AllState insurance and this will keep rates the same as employees have this year. Colonial Life was going to increase rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Attorney Paul addressed the Council stating what the purpose is for this agenda item and to seek the Council's direction on getting the boards in line with each other. Staff would like to know if the council would like each board to be appointed by the Mayor or if all boards should be approved and voted on by the Council.

By a consensus of the council to have all boards appointed by the Council and have the Council seats voted on every year.

BICYCLE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PHASE 2

Development Services Director Leavens addressed Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to

seek Council's direction on how to move forward with this project. Due to not enough documentation on the cost match of the walking bridge, the grant entity has stated that we would have to pay \$60,000 in place of the bridge. Do we want to continue with this grant or drop back and reconsider?

City Manager Kennedy stated that due to the lack of documentation showing that federal funds were not used to purchase the grant, we have to pay our portion of what the bridge was supposed to be for our cost match.

\$157,500 total project.

\$64,000 would be our part of the project.

There are no grants right now that Richard Leavens can recommend.

City Manager Kennedy stated that he feels comfortable moving forward with this project because our funding right now is very good.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve the Recommendation for \$64,800; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK - NEW ACCOUNT

Finance Director Forest informed the Council that there have been many vendors requesting to pay the City via ACH transfers. This account would be a 'sweep account' and at the end of each day, the funds would be swept or moved into the investment account. However, if the bank account were to be compromised, then there would only be about \$500 in this sweep account instead of what is in the investment. This is for cyber security.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve Opening a Sweep Account ; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: Richard Davidson

Passed.

For the Record, Councilman Davidson stated that he abstained from the vote due to being on the board of this bank.

PARKS DIRECTOR POSITION

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council's approval of separating the Parks Manager and Golf Manager positions. This would require a budget amendment as these two positions are currently the Parks and Recreation Director.

City Manager Kennedy stated that the increase in revenue over the last couple years has been great at the golf course, however there needs to be more oversight.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the recommendation made by City Manager Kennedy; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BUDGET WORKSHOP HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDING APPROVALS

City Manager addressed the Council stating that revenues for the Hotel/Motel Tax is projected at \$95,323. There have been \$93,928 requests submitted by different entities for events around the City.

The typical items the city covers are as follows:

\$15,000 for Fall Festival

\$15,000 for Celebrate

\$20,000 for Chamber of Commerce

There is a portion of this that goes to the billboard displays/advertising for \$3,500.

\$10,000 for the fireworks display and we increased that to \$15,000 due to an increase in products.

\$68,500 is currently where we are sitting at with these funds.

Crowder Rough Rider Rodeo \$2000

Holiday Classic \$7500

Disc Golf \$3600

ArtCon \$8898

The events board requested \$7500 for the Holiday Classic.

Councilman Davidson asked if we should give \$2000 for the sponsorship package that is advertised in the Holiday Classic. What is our \$7,500 going for? The City knows what we are getting with the rodeo sponsorship and disc golf. However, there is not any indication of what the city is getting for the Holiday Classic.

Discussion was held amongst the Council.

Mayor DeWitt asked for an itemized list of where the City's money is going for the Holiday Classic.

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson made a motion to Amend the Motion to Remove the Holiday Classic; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Tyler DeWitt

No: Ashton Robinson

Abstain: None

Passed.

Councilman Davidson made a motion to Approve the Motion as Amended; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Tyler DeWitt

No: Ashton Robinson

Abstain: None

Passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

LETTER OF REAPPOINTMENT FROM DAN TICE FOR GOLF COURSE BOARD

Councilman Davidson made a motion to Approve the Letter of Reappointment from Dan Tice for the Golf Course; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

LETTER OF REAPPOINTMENT FROM ANTHONY MILLER FOR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the Letter of Reappointment from Anthony Miller for Parks and Recreation Board; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

LETTER OF INTEREST FROM JENNIFER SMITH FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Jennifer Smith to the Parks and Recreation Board; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

LETTER OF REAPPOINTMENT FROM DUDLEY ZERBEL FOR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the Letter of Reappointment from Dudley Zerbel to the P&Z Commission; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

City Manager Kennedy stated that the Lime Kiln Project has begun and the Timber Ridge Sewer Improvements project is still in the cleanup phase.

Kenny Balls updated the Council on the pool.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor DeWitt asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Adjourn; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

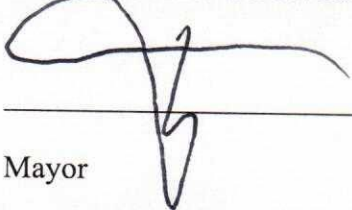
Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor DeWitt adjourned the August 16, 2022 Council Meeting at 9:09 p.m.

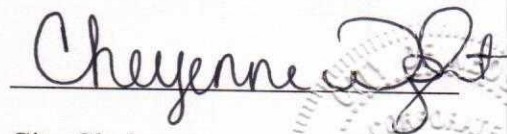
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NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk

