

**MINUTES**  
**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 17, 2024 - 7:00 PM**  
**Neosho Council Chambers**  
**203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO**

**OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Jeremie Bridges opened with prayer and Mayor Pro Tem Robinson led the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Richard Davidson was absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

David Kennedy, City Manager; Derek Snyder, City Attorney; and Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk, minutes taken by clerk.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tempore asked to amend the agenda to remove New Business 8 from the agenda.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the Amended Agenda; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda to include:  
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Bill No. 2024-103

Bill No. 2024-104

Bill No. 2024-105

Bill No. 2024-106

Bill No. 2024-107

Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

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Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

### **VISITOR'S BUSINESS**

There was no one present to speak under visitor's business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Bill No. 2024-108: Ballot Language for Use Tax April 2025 Election**

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, submitting to the electors of the City of Neosho, at an election on Tuesday April 8, 2025, the question of whether the City shall impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax, currently three percent (3%) on all retail sales subject to taxation pursuant to the provisions of Sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be reduced or raised in the same amount as any City sales tax is reduced or raised; and imposing a local use tax of 3% on all retail sales subject to taxation pursuant to Section 144.757 RSMo, upon the approval of a majority of the qualified electors voting; and prescribing a form of ballot thereof.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-108 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-108; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the ballot language for the Use Tax to be placed on the April 8, 2025 election ballot. The city is requesting from the Neosho voters a Use Tax to assist with funding a new aquatic center along with other public amenities as needed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

#### **Bill No. 2024-109: Change Order 2 for Engineering Services ARPA\_AMA**

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc., a Missouri Corporation, for the purpose of providing engineering services related to the construction of improvements for the City's stormwater infrastructure for the Hatchery Branch and the Lower High School Branch for the not to exceed price of One Million One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,182,500.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

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City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-109 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-109; Councilman Cobb seconded.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for a change order for AMA relating to the extension of the ARPA project. The City has requested CDBG to extend the scope of work on the Lower School Branch. This change order is for additional services being provided by AMA for the extension of the drainage infrastructure.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

### **Bill No. 2024-110: Surplus of Public Works Vehicle**

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

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-110 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-110; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council stating that the this agenda item is to seek council approval for the surplus of a 2015 Ford F350. This truck has recently been replaced by a new service truck and is ready to be sold by seal bid.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

### **Bill No. 2024-111: Newton County Mutual Aid Agreement**

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri authorizing an Agreement between municipalities, governmental jurisdictions, fire districts, dispatch centers, and state agencies for the purpose of providing and receiving mutual assistance for fires and other types of emergencies as described under the terms of the Agreement for participating jurisdictions; and authorizing the Neosho Fire Chief to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-111 in title only.

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Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-111; Councilman Workman seconded.

Fire Chief Houk addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to update the Newton County Mutual Aid Agreement. This is the mutual aid agreement that all fire departments in Newton County refer to for our mutual aid needs. The medical aspects of the former agreement have been updated, and the medical aspects have been eliminated. Through discussions, all the fire chiefs in Newton County have agreed that this is a fire or mass casualty agreement only between the fire departments and dispatch and if there is a medical need for aid, it should come from Newton County Ambulance District. This agreement has been updated to reflect that decision. This agreement has been looked at and approved by the City Attorney.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

### **Resolution Bill No. 2024-67: Investment of City Funds**

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing Certificate of Deposits with First Community Bank, a Missouri financial institution, for a not to exceed investment amount of Seven Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,865,000.00).

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2024-67 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2024-67; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to invest funds in 6 and 12-month CD's with First Community Bank. The City can earn additional interest, by investing some of the reserves into 6 and 12-month CD's. With the passing of the revised investment policy in June 2024, the area is open and the City has the reserves to seek out investments. The staff has reviewed the fund balances and operating needs of the departments and has come to what staff is comfortable investing in the short term.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

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**Resolution Bill No. 2024-68: Request to Apply for a Grant to Fund Retention Ponds on Waldo Hatler**

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, stating intent to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council to pursue activities for the purpose of securing funding to construct regional stormwater detention basins located north of Waldo Hatler Memorial Drive for flood protection by applying for up to \$2,072,084.23 in CDBG Disaster Mitigation funds.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2024-68 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2024-68; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval of a resolution to apply for a CDBG Mitigation grant to acquire property and construct retention ponds on Waldo Hatler Drive. The retention ponds on Waldo Hatler are part of a comprehensive storm water plan that was developed in the early 2000's to help control flooding in the City of Neosho. These ponds would reduce the severity of flooding along the School Branch from Business 49 to Hickory Creek. The total cost of this project is estimated at, \$2,072,084.23.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

**Resolution Bill No. 2024-69: Request to Apply for a grant to fund Freeman Road Stormwater from Boyd Street to South Street**

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, stating intent to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council to pursue activities for the purpose of securing funding for flood protection along Freeman Road and for other improvements by applying for up to \$2,385,956.14 in CDBG Disaster Mitigation funds.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2024-69 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2024-69; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval to apply for a CDBG Mitigation grant to complete the stormwater system on Freeman Road between Boyd Street and South Street including curb, gutter, and sidewalks. The city is completing the first part of the Freeman Road stormwater drainage project from McKinney Street to Boyd Street, including parts of Stratford Place. If awarded, this grant would complete the Boyd Street and South Street stormwater project and provide enclosed storm water drainage, curb, guttering, and sidewalks along Freeman Road. The total project cost is estimated to be

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\$2,385,956.14.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

**Alliance Water Resources 2024 Fiscal Year End Repair Limit Overage**

Brian Piper with Alliance Water Resources addressed the city council stating that the bill was over \$2,081.00. The contract with Alliance contains a clause to allow for refunds or invoicing of additional chemical and repair cost at the end of the fiscal year. Due to the rising cost of chemicals, specifically Chlorine, the last several years there have been additional invoices for this clause. Chlorine alone has risen \$45,594 over the budgeted amount of \$8,500 to an actual cost of \$54,094 a 536% increase. Staff did budget an additional \$50,000.00 for this expected overage. The final cost being \$52,081 this will be a budget amendment.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the invoice for alliance Overage of \$52,082; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

**Utility Connection for 509 Cemetery Road**

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for the residence at 509 Cemetery Road to be connected to city utilities. The annexation petitioner has built a new residence on property they own on Cemetery Road. It is ready for occupancy and the annexation process has begun, but they want to move into the home as soon as possible. The city generally requires that the property be annexed before connection or an irrevocable consent be signed.

The owners were present and stated that they plan 100% to move forward with annexation of their property.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve 509 Cemetery Road to be connected to city utilities with the owners in the process of annexing their property into city limits; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

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No: None  
Abstain: None  
Passed.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

**November Financial Reports**

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council going over the November Financial Reports.

**Stratford and Freeman Project**

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council updating them on the Stratford and Freeman storm water project.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the city council, Mayor Pro Tem Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Adjourn; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

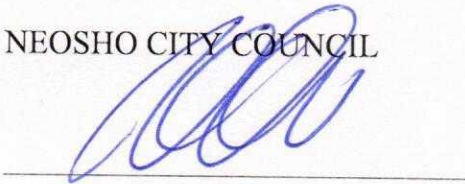
Passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson adjourned the December 17, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

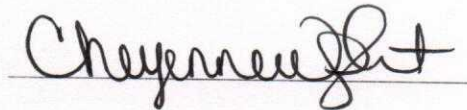
APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor



City Clerk

