MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
February 25, 2025 - 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 Davidson led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:
Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:
Ashton Robinson 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

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

Roll call vote:
Yes: None
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the following items:
February 4, 2025, Council Minutes
Bill No. 2025-06
Bill No. 2025-07
Bill No. 2025-08
Bill No. 2025-09
Bill No. 2025-10
Bill No. 2025-11
Amendments to Liberty Utility Contract;
Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Alfred Gullart - 323 Adams Street - Stephens Group (Fiber Company)

Alfred Gullart was not present to speak before council.

Amanda Kriesch - 1124 Skyline Drive - Water Bill

Karl Kriesch - 1124 Skyline Drive

He explained that his water bill was higher than normal around the time when the Fiber Company came through. He reported a leak on February 3, 2025, to the city. He stated that he received different answers from the city. He stated it could be a leaky toilet, or a hose left on outside, and he said that a hose in December would not have been left on due to winterizing his house. The fiber company denied being at any fault. He stated that his neighbors did not lose water pressure, but he did. The numbers do not make sense or work. He does not know what happened, but there is currently water running down the street. He would just like to seek answers and see if there is a resolution to this. The mayor asked, "When you say there is a leak, what do you mean by checking your meter or flow outside?"
The owner stated, "The water is flowing down the street and coming out of the cracks but not from normal snow melting."

The mayor asked if the pressure and flow are back to normal, and he stated yes, the pressure and flow in the house is now back to normal. However, he has not done any repairs to his house.
The Stephens Group stated that they had not been on that street yet. The digging was happening about two feet from his meter, touching the concrete of the curb. This was when he noticed the water pressure had decreased. There was a lot of air, the washing machine was not filling, and there was a lot of sediment coming through his lines. The city guys were out back.

City Manager Kennedy stated that there was a main break at that location. The residents would have lost pressure due to the main break. The fiber company was in this area because the city has a map of where they have been. The fiber company was 6 feet to the East of his residence. The water main break would not have caused the water to go through its meter.

Public Works they exposed the tap, but it would not have caused it to flow through the meter.

Discussion followed.

Public works will go and pump water off the meter well and check the water leak the resident is stating in the street.

BIDS

City Branding

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the bid for city branding. Staff sent out bids for city branding, city seal and new logo. There were twenty bids received and reviewed by a city committee to narrow down and choose the best

candidate. This committee narrowed the businesses down to three and interviewed each company prior to deciding to move forward with Creative Entourage. This company bid for the project at $15,000.00 with a travel fee up to $2,000.00.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve the bid from Creative Entourage for city branding guide, logo and city seal; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Public Works Mower

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council, stating that the agenda item was to seek council approval for commercial mowers. This purchase would replace the 2011 Exmark mower with nearly 2000 hours on it. Staff was able to find state bid contracts through Exmark and Grasshopper. Newco Service Grasshopper State Contract # CC230624001. 440 72" cut 993cc gas engine $14,328.45 Swartz Tractor Exnark State Contract #CT170522001 Lazer Z X-Series 72" 820cc gas engine $15,599.00 $20,000 was budgeted for this purchase.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve the state bid from Newco for a Model 440 Grasshopper for $14,328.45; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing for Bill No. 2025-14 Request for Rezoning 1300 S Neosho Blvd from R-1, First Dwelling House District to C-3, Commercial Business District

Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing for Bill No. 2025-14 at 7:26 p.m.

There was no one present to speak.

Mayor Davidson closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-12: Golf Course Board Amendments to Code Section 125.080 and 125.090

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Chapter 125 Committees and Boards, Article II Golf Course Committee by repealing and replacing Section 125.040 Established—Purpose, Section 125.080 Powers

and Duties Generally, and Section 125.090 Responsible to Council—Limitations of Activities of the Code of Ordinances to note the purpose and duties of said Committee.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-12 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-12; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to update the duties of the Golf Board. Maxim and Golf Board has requested to oversee and manage the Kermit Lewis tournament; this tournament has been held at our course for many years and is on the verge of being discontinued. The tournament is extremely important to the golf members, and they wish to continue it. They will oversee and manage the tournament with direction from Maxim and the City if needed. The funds generated from this tournament will be utilized as capital expenditure projects selected by the board and Maxim. This is a program Maxim has in other municipalities they manage and is highly successful.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Bill No. 2025-13: Surplus Public Works Trailers and Mower
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. 2025-13 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-13; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council stating that the this agenda item is to seek council approval to surplus two utility trailers and a mower located at Public Works. Over the past two years, Public Works has purchased trailers for hauling equipment and these two trailers are no longer needed. We will also be replacing the Public Works Exmark 72" mower.
1999 Loadking trailer
1995 Sterling Welding trailer.
2011 Exmark 72" Mower

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Bill No. 2025-14: Rezoning 1300 S Neosho Blvd from R-1, First Dwelling House District to C-3, Commercial Business District

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho to amend the zoning District Map for certain real property within the limits of the City located at 1300 South Neosho Boulevard, Neosho, Missouri, as requested by the owner, 4 State Equipment Rental, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, from a District "R-1" First Dwelling House District to a District "C-3" Commercial Business District.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-14 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-14; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council, stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for the rezoning of the property located on the southwest corner of the intersection of South Neosho Blvd and West Daugherty Road from R-1, First Dwelling House District to C-3, Commercial Business District. This property was previously the MoDOT maintenance yard. It housed shops, heavy equipment and maintenance materials for district road maintenance. The property has be posted and advertised as required by ordinance. A public hearing was held on February 11, 2025, before the Planning and Zoning meeting. No public comments were received and the committee voted to recommend the rezoning to the council.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Bill No. 2025-15: Contract with Creative Entourage for City Branding Services

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing an Agreement with Creative Entourage Agency, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, for the purpose of providing graphic design services; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-15 in title only.

Mayor Davidson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-15; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the city council, stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the agreement with Creative Entourage for city branding, new logo and city seal.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Mayor Davidson asked to approve Bill Williams for reappointment to the Board of Adjustments and David Versluis to the Neosho Housing Authority Board.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve both reappointments; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Board of Adjustments

1. ***Request for Reappointment for Bill Williams***

This will be five positions on the board. There are still three alternate openings for this board.
Bill Williams has served on this board for the last two years.

Neosho Housing Authority Board

Request for Reappointment for David Versluis

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

FD Year End Report

Fire Chief Houk presented the 2024 year end fire department report.

PD Year End Report

Police Chief Baird presented the 2024 year end police department report.

January Financial Reports

Finance Director Forest presented the January Financial reports.

Development Services Update

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council updating them on projects around the city. There are two major projects getting ready to begin at the airport. The five bay t-hanger is one and the other is a charter jet service coming into the Neosho airport that would like to build a hanger and a turnaround for their jets, as well as a larger fuel tank system and state they will use 10,000 gallons a week.
Murphy's USA has purchased a building permit to tear down and build a convenience store at their current location.
Pizza Hut will be moving from the boulevard location and will be relocating to the strip mall behind Aldis.
There are two large stormwater projects going on within the city. One started with Freeman Road and that area, and this project includes the area to the North of the roundabout. The other project will be around Coler Street and Wheeler Street.

MIRMA Safety Audit Report

City Clerk Wright addressed the city council, stating that Human Resources Director, Krysti Muhic, took on the role of Safety Administrator last year and the city just had our safety audit for 2024. The city received a 100% rating.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Davidson made a motion to go into closed session under Section 610.021 (1) and (2); Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Mayor Davidson closed the open session at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Davidson reconvened the open session at 8:27 and announced that no votes were taken.

ADJOURN

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

Councilman Cobb made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the February 18, 2025 council meeting at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST

City Clerk