

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
May 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Joe Douglas 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, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Charles Collinsworth, Ashton Robinson

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Workman made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the following:

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Bill No. 2025-27

Bill No. 2025-28

Amendments to the Liberty Utility Agreement;

Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was no one present for the visitor business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-26: Police Facility Group Architect Contract for the Construction of the Public Safety Center

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing an Agreement with Police Facility Design Group, P.A., a Kansas professional association, for the purpose of providing architectural planning and design services for the construction of a police and fire facility; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-26 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-26; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

1124 Skyline Drive - Utility High Read

Finance Director Forest addressed the council, updating them on this address and asked for direction on this utility high read.

Mayor Davidson made a motion to to approve the city manager authorization to approve the water bill adjustment per policy; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION

Adam Worster - Inspector of Stormwater Certification

City Manager Kennedy and Mayor Davidson awarded Adam Worster with his Certification for Stormwater Inspector.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Davidson awarded a proclamation to Lauri Lyerla after it was read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright.

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***WHEREAS**, the partnership between the City of Neosho and its community partners is essential to the continued growth, success, and well-being of our city; and*

***WHEREAS**, Lauri Lyerla, CEO of the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication in serving the citizens and businesses of Neosho; and*

***WHEREAS**, her efforts have greatly supported city initiatives, events, and economic development through public outreach, business engagement, community education, and by fostering strong relationships between the City and its stakeholders; and*

***WHEREAS**, Lauri Lyerla's unwavering commitment to collaboration and service has played a vital role in enhancing community engagement, promoting growth, and strengthening the shared vision for Neosho's future;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Neosho, Missouri, hereby recognizes and commends Lauri Lyerla for her outstanding service, support, and contributions that continue to make a lasting impact on the City of Neosho and its residents.*

***FURTHERMORE**, I, Richard Davidson, Mayor of the City of Neosho, Missouri, do hereby extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Lauri Lyerla for her dedication and commitment to the City of Neosho.*

BIDS

Rope and Rescue Equipment

Fire Chief Houk addressed the city council, stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the bid from Feld Fire in the amount of \$12,812.25. The Fire Department sent out bid requests for rope rescue equipment. The equipment was sent to 6 vendors and placed on the city website. We received seven bids back, and six met the specifications. After reviewing the bids, Technical Rescue.com Inc was the lowest bidder at \$12,767.90, which met our needs. They are a .com company from Florida which we have no experience. Feld Fire came in with the second-lowest bid at \$12,812.25. Feld Fire is a current vendor we use and have had excellent dealings with. While their bid was just under \$45 higher, I believe that the confidence of dealing with a local vendor whom I can reach out to and get problems taken care of easily if any arise is worth the extra \$45 spent.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to to approve the bid from Feld Fire for \$12,812.25; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-29: Declaring 225 N Washington Street (Twin Rivers Building) Surplus

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho declaring a tract of real property containing approximately 0.87 acres along Washington Street in the City of Neosho as surplus and waiving the requirements pursuant to Section 120.235 Purchases and Sales of Real Estate and authorizing said surplus property to be conveyed and transferred to the Neosho School District.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-29 in title only.

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Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-29; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to surplus property located at 225 N. Washington Street (Twin Rivers) and transferring the property to the Neosho School District. The Neosho School District transferred this property to the City of Neosho in a cooperative effort to obtain grant funding to demolish the structure. The funding was not obtained. This action returns the property to the school district.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2025-30: Amending Section 210.070 of the City Code: Keeping of Fowl

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Chapter 210 Animals and Fowl, Article I In General, by repealing and replacing Section 210.070 Keeping Fowl-Accumulating Manure in Fowl Pens to modify the location for fowl pens and limit the number of fowl to be kept.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-30 in title only.

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-30; Councilman Workman seconded.

Police Chief Baird addressed the city council, stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to amend ordinance 210.070, Keeping of Fowl within the city limits of Neosho. This allows residents to keep certain fowl inside city limits while maintaining reasonable efforts to safeguard neighbors' peace and tranquility throughout the city.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2025-31: MoDot Cost Apportionment Agreement

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving and authorizing a Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of providing right-of-way culvert improvements along a section of Route 86 as part of the State Highway System, accepting from the Commission funds not to exceed One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-31 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-31; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

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Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Cost Apportionment Agreement with MoDot. This agreement pertains to the Lower School Branch drainage project extension. MODOT was contacted to inquire about potential assistance for the removal and replacement of the Coler Street Bridge. It was determined that funding could not be obtained through standard procedures due to the ongoing nature of the project. However, the commission reviewed the current budget's maintenance funds and successfully secured an additional \$100,000 to support this project.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2025-32: Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Waters Edge

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services by and between the City of Neosho and Waters Edge Aquatic Design, LLC, a Missouri foreign limited liability company for the purpose of providing planning, design, development and construction engineering for the Neosho Aquatic Project and Park Development for the not to exceed amount for services of Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$474,000.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-32 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-32; Councilman Workman seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval for an agreement for professional engineering services with Waters Edge Aquatic Design, LLC. The City of Neosho originally approved this agreement for Phase I of the Aquatic Park at the Neosho Golf Course. The city has chosen to continue with the design and engineering of the new facilities and park to eventually phase out the park system into the city.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2025-16: Blue Shield Program for Neosho Police Department

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, affirming the City's commitment to public safety through participation in the Blue Shield Program.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2025-16 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2025-16; Councilman Workman seconded.

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Police Chief Baird addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approve the resolution bill for the Blue Shield Program as signed in Executive Order 25-03 by Governor Kehoe. Participation in the Blue Shield Program demonstrates the City's commitment to adopting best practices in policing, increasing officer wellness and training, and fostering a safer, more resilient community. Showing support and getting approved for the program makes a lot more future grants available to the Police Department.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Chamber of Commerce Update

Lauri Lyerla with the Neosho Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the last year at the Chamber and the City of Neosho.

Request for Closure of Square for All School Reunion Event

Public Information Officer, Jessica Johnson, addressed the city council requesting the square be closed for the All School Reunion to be held on October 11, 2025. This request is made by the Neosho Charitable Foundation to close the entire square and W. Main Street from S. Jefferson to S. Wood Street from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and to allow alcohol to be carried within the designated event area.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to to approve the closure of the square and allow alcohol for the All School Reunion Event; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: Carl Cobb

Abstain: None

Passed.

Withdrawal from RTP High Grounds Trail Grant (2022-04)

Mayor Davidson made a motion to to approve the withdrawal from the RTP High Grounds Trail Grant; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Lower High School Branch Extension - Brook/McCord Street to Summit/Valley Street

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to extend the scope of work for the Lower High School Branch Stormwater Project and extend from Adams Street South to Brook Street. The Lower School Branch Stormwater project is part of the ARPA grant. The Hatchery and Lower High School Branch project once bid came in under budget. Staff received approval from

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the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to seek extension of this project to utilize the remaining ARPA funds. In December 2024, staff requested engineering services to extend the work on the Lower High School Branch and Allgeier Martin and Associates completed the engineering for the extension. The extension would connect the Lower School Branch ARPA project ending at Adams, by continuing South to Brook. The total project extension is \$2,119,710.36. This extension will be funded with the remaining ARPA Project dollars of \$1,189,765.46, MODOT assistance of \$100,000 and the balance of \$829,944.90 from General and Drainage fund balance. The fund balance of Drainage and General are capable of this additional cost and the City will not be harmed financially by this investment in the stormwater system. With approval of the extension, the total ARPA project cost is \$7,222,944.90 of which \$6,393,000 is from ARPA grants and MODOT assistance leaving \$829,944.90 to be paid from fund balance of the City. Without this extension and phasing in the drainage projects, there will be areas that will have the work duplicated. The box culverts at Coler could be 5-10 years for the bridge/culverts to be placed on the replacement list of MODOT, in addition to the future value of project cost.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Airport Update

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council and gave an update on the Neosho Airport.

Ravenwood Circle

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council and gave an update on Ravenwood Circle stormwater issues and future plans for this area.

Square Update

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council and discussed the concerns brought before the council regarding the downtown square safety concerns.

ADJOURN

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

Councilman Cobb made a motion to to adjourn; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the May 6, 2025 Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST

Cheyenne Light

City Clerk