

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
April 22, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

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, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:

There were none absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

David Kennedy, City Manager and Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk, minutes taken by clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Bill No. 2025-13: Authorizing the Application for a Community Development Block Grant for the Freeman Extension Stormwater Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION.

City Clerk Wright read Resolution Bill No. 2025-13 in title only.

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

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that this CDBG grant application is for the Freeman Extension Stormwater Project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2025-14: Authorizing the Application for a Community Development Block Grant for the Buffalo Creek Lift Station Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING

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THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION.

City Clerk Wright read Resolution Bill No. 2025-14 in title only.

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

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for the application of the CDBG Grant for the Buffalo Creek Lift Station Project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2025-15: Authorizing the Application for a Community Development Block Grant for the Waldo Hatler Detention Ponds Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION.

City Clerk Wright read Resolution Bill No. 2025-15 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2025-15; 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 application for a CDBG Grant for the Waldo Hatler Detention Ponds Project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

WORK SESSION

The mayor stated that we will now move into the work session for council and staff.

Parks and Recreation Discussion

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that he would like to speak to the council tonight about the growth of our parks and upgrades to our parks. Benton Park we would like to see as a green space due to this park being located in the flood plain, however we would like to continue with a small

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community park for that area at the front end. We would like to furnish this park with park benches, swing sets, picnic tables and bbq grills.

Discussion followed.

The city was denied the grant for Scenic Park, however the city has budgeted the cost match and would like to move forward with the pavillion and new parking lot and then move forward with the sidewalks and restrooms for this park during the next budget year and continue the upgrades to this park in phases.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the council stating that Proposition A did not pass. However, I said through many town hall meetings that this project will not be put to the side if Proposition A does not pass. It would just be funded and built in a different way by phasing in parts of the project.

Parks Director Balls stated that even with phases we still need to have an architect design to work off of. We will work fund the project through phases through our budgeting process, by applying for grants, and also receiving donations.

Kyle McCawley with Water's Edge, stated that he has worked with other cities in phases. Kathe Kristek with Sapp Designs stated that by creating your design imprint, you have everything in place for your future phases. In the initial design, we would ensure that your transformers are large enough, the sewer lines are large enough to manage a pool when it comes online and that that infrastructure is all in place to hook into at a later phase. The timeline for work to start would be 6-8 months after the master plan has been approved by the city.

Discussion followed.

Drainage

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the Freeman Road stormwater project was extended for the lower high school branch. This project will go from Wheeler Street to N. Lincoln Street to Adams Street to Valley Street to Brook Street.

The hour for the work session was up and it was decided to bring the Airport, Lampo Building and City Event's Security work session items to the council under Report of City Officers.

ADJOURN

The agreed upon timeframe was expended, so the mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

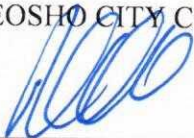
Passed.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the April 22, 2025 Special Session/Work Session at 8:01 p.m.

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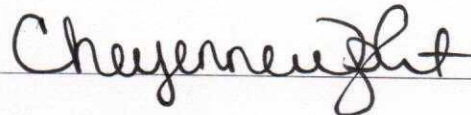
APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk

