

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Richmond Adams 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, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:

There were none 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 Cobb made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, 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; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

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Bill No. 2025-72

Bill No. 2025-73

Bill No. 2025-74

Bill No. 2025-75

Bill No. 2025-76

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Bill No. 2025-78

Bill No. 2025-79

Bill No. 2025-81

Bill No. 2025-82

Amendments to the Liberty Utility Contract

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Golf Course Logo

Lexi Laney and Ben Costain presented the new golf course logo. Spring Valley Golf Club

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation for Julie Kruse

Proclamation read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright for Julie Kruse. The proclamation was presented to Julie Kruse by Mayor Davidson and City Manager Kennedy.

Proclamation for Nate Siler

Proclamation read in its entirety by City Clerk Wright for Nate Siler. The proclamation was presented to Nate Siler by Mayor Davidson and City Manager Kennedy.

BIDS

Morse Park Walking Trail Lighting

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval to accept the bid for installation of new LED electrical lighting along the paved walking trail in Morse Park, replacing the existing solar lights to improve visibility, and overall safety for trail users. Staff would like to begin a four-year plan to replace the existing solar lighting along the paved walking trail with new electric LED lighting. The project will be completed in sections each year to improve reliability, visibility, and safety. Beginning with the first section from North College Street to Wood Street with 16 new posts and 16 new LED electrical lights. The budget for the first section, fiscal year 2026, is \$24,704.00.

Bids Received

1. Henson Electric; Total — \$24,600.00

2. Southwest Missouri Electric: Total — \$50,000.00

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Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve the bid from Henson Electric \$24,600.00; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Gift & Wick's Field Lighting

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval to accept the bid for the installation of new LED stadium lights at Gift Field and Wick's Field, in Morse Park. This project is part of a five-year improvement plan that began in fiscal year 2024, which we will complete in three years, and now all ball fields will have new LED lights. We sent out bid packets to contractors and received three bids back for new LED stadium lights to be installed on Gift field and Wick's field, and now all five ball fields will have new LED lights at Morse Park. The budget for this project for fiscal year 2026 is \$30,000.

Bids Received:

1. Southwest Missouri Electric for the amount of \$26,137.50
2. Henson Electric for the amount of \$27,291.
3. IKIO LED Lights LLC for the amount of \$59,471.71

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve the bid from SWMO Electric in the amount of \$26,137.50; 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-77: Relocation of Liberty Utility Power Poles at Recycle Center_Easement

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho authorizing a permanent easement agreement by and between the City of Neosho and The Empire District Electric Company to convey and transfer a permanent easement and right-of-way for the construction, installation and maintenance of lines for transmission and distribution of electrical energy and communications; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-77 in title only.

City Attorney Snyder stated that this bill is not under emergency measure. This was a scrivener error.

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Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-77; Councilman Workman seconded.

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval for the relocation of power poles at the Recycle Center. Liberty Utilities requests to move the power poles at the Recycle Center to provide more efficient and reliable power to this city facility. This relocation will include a new easement for the new pole locations.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2025-80: Amending City Code-Franchise Tax/Gross Receipts

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Title VI Business and Occupation by repealing and replacing Chapter 640 License Tax on Utilities, to include all utilities, communication and video service providers and to codify the license tax fees for utility and video service providers for the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-80 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-80; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to amend Section 640 License Tax on Utilities in order to include all utilities and to include video service providers. Within our code under Title VI Business and Occupation, the city has Chapter 640 License Tax on Utilities. Under this Chapter Article I is specific to Light and Power Companies and Article II is specific to Telephone Companies. For Natural Gas providers the franchise tax was approved by ordinance. This bill consolidates electric and natural gas under Article I and adds Video Service providers within the definition of public utilities.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2025-83: Agreement for Big Spring Park Master Plan

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing an Agreement with Sapp Design Associates Architects, Inc., a Missouri corporation, for the purpose of providing architectural planning and design services for the Big Spring Park Master Plan; 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. 2025-83 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-83; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that the this agenda item is to seek council approval to enter into a contract with SAPP Design Associates Architects, Inc. for architectural planning and design services related to the Big Spring Park Master plan, which will guide future development and improvements at the park. Big Spring Park is one of the city's most utilized and historic parks. The development of a master plan will help guide future improvements, recreational opportunities, and infrastructure upgrades. Architectural planning and design services will provide a detailed layout and long-term vision for the park, ensuring that future projects are well-coordinated and meeting the needs of the community. This is a budgeted item of \$100,000. SAPP Design Associates Architects, Inc. has proposed a fee of \$47,800. This provides professional planning of the Big Spring Park Master Plan and associated design documentation.

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. 2025-36: Agreement with Henson Electric for Morse Park Walking Trail Lighting

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving an agreement with Toby Henson, d/b/a Henson Electric, for the purpose of providing electric lighting services related to installation of trail lights at Morse Park for the not to exceed price of Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$24,600.00), and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2025-36 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2025-36; Mayor Davidson seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval to enter into a contract agreement with Henson Electric for the installation of new LED walking trail lights along the paved trail. Replacing the existing solar lighting. The bid with Henson Electric was approved by the city council to install the first section of LED walking trail lights, from North College Street to Wood Street, 16 in total. The bid amount was \$24,600.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

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Resolution Bill No. 2025-37: Agreement with SWMO Electric for Gift and Wick Ball Field Lighting

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving an agreement with SWMO Electric, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of providing electric lighting services related to replacement and installation of stadium lights for Gift Field and Wick's Field in Morse Park for the not to exceed price of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$26, 137.50), and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2025-37 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2025-37; Councilman Workman seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval to enter into a contract agreement with Southwest Missouri Electric for the installation of new LED stadium lights for Gift Field & Wick's Field. Replacing the old ballast lighting. The city council previously approved the bid for this project. This request is to enter into a contract agreement with Southwest Missouri Electric for the installation of new LED Stadium lights on Gift Field & Wick's Field for the amount of \$26,137.50.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Airport Industrial Development Board

1. Rick Sweet Request for Reappointment

Mayor Davidson made a motion to reappoint Rick Sweet; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

September Financial Report

Finance Director Forest updated the Council on the September financials.

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Halloween Bash

Seargent Kuhlman updated the Council on the upcoming Halloween Bash on October 25, 2025 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Big Spring Park Dead Tree

Parks and Recreation Director Balls informed the council about a dead tree in Big Spring Park that will need to be removed. However, this is also the tree that the ducks use for housing, so staff plan to cut the tree and leave part of it, and put a roof on it for the ducks to still have a home.

Introduction of New Police Chief

City Manager Kennedy addressed the council and introduced the new Police Chief, Peter Russell. Police Chief Russell addressed the council.

Projects in the Industrial Park, Williams Drive and Shaw Ave

City Manager Kennedy addressed the council updating them on some expansion in the Industrial Park area.

Malcom Mosby Drive

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council regarding the Malcolm Mosby easement. He was approached by two business owners regarding this road easement. If they were to donate the land between 2nd and Howard bush for the extension of this road would the city be interested in expanding the road in this area.

By a consensus of council to move forward with this request.

Date for Work Session with Council

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council requesting a work session for upcoming large projects.

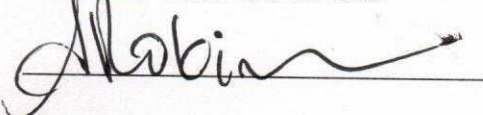
City Clerk Wright was requested to set up a work session with the council.

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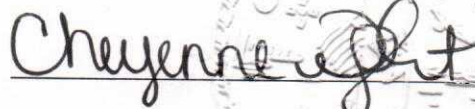
There being no further business to come before the city council,

APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL


Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk