

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Joe Davis 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. 2025-57

Bill No. 2025-58

Bill No. 2025-59

Bill No. 2025-60

Bill No. 2025-61

Bill No. 2025-62

Bill No. 2025-63

Roll call vote:

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

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Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Kent Farnsworth - City Utility Sale

Kent Farnsworth addressed the city council regarding the sale of the city utility and spoke in favor of the sale to Missouri American Water Resources.

Erron Wright - Sale of City Utility

Erron Wright addressed the city council regarding the sale of the city utility and was in opposition to the sale to Missouri American Water Resources.

Brad Taylor - City Utility Sale

Brad Taylor addressed the city council regarding the city utility sale and opposes the sale of the city utility to Missouri American Water Resources.

Hank Johnson - City Utility Sale

Hank Johnson addressed the city council regarding the sale of the city utility sale and is in opposition to the sale to Missouri American Water Resources.

Rudy Farber - City Utility Sale

Rudy Farber addressed the city council regarding the sale of the city utility and his support of the city selling to Missouri American Water Resources.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-52: Agreement with MAWR

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho authorizing an Agreement for Purchase of the Water and Wastewater Systems from the City of Neosho, by and between the City of Neosho and Missouri-American Water Company, a Missouri corporation, for the sale price of Thirty-Four Million, Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$34,500,000.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-52 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-52; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

The council discussed the proposed sale of the utility.

Roll call vote:

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

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Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Bill No. 2025-54: Article 1 Amending Section 710.180 Water Rates

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Chapter 710 Water by repealing and replacing Section 710.180 Water Rates—Generally—Classification of Consumers, Paragraph B. User Rates, to modify the rates for water service use for the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-54 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-54; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

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. 2025-55: Article VI Amending Section 705.450 Sewer Service Charges

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Chapter 705 Sewers and Sewage Disposal, by repealing and replacing Section 705.450 Classification of Users—Monthly Service Charges, Paragraph B. User Rate Structure, to modify the rates for sewer service use for the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-55 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-55; 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.

Bill No 2025-56: Article VI Service Charges Section 705.470 Hauled Waste

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Chapter 705 Sewers and Sewage Disposal, by repealing and replacing Section 705.470 Hauled Waste to modify the hauled waste surcharge for the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-56 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-56; Councilman Workman seconded.

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Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Award to the Neosho Fire Department - Shift A Team

City Clerk Wright read the award presentation that was presented to the Neosho Fire Department, Shift A Team, for going above and beyond.

Recognizing Jessica Johnson, APIO

Jessica Johnson, PIO, was recognized for her Advanced PIO Certification through FEMA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing for FY26 Property Tax Rates

Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing for FY26 Property Tax Rates at 8:20 p.m.
The public hearing closed at 8:20 p.m. with no comments.

Public Hearing for the proposed FY26 City Budget

Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing for FY26 City Budget at 8:20 p.m.
The public hearing closed at 8:20 p.m. with no comments.

Public Hearing for Annexation Kentucky

Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing for Annexation of property near 15318 Kentucky Road at 8:21 p.m.
The public hearing closed at 8:21 p.m. with no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-64: FY26 Property Tax Rates, UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE...1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, providing for the rate of taxation and the levy and collection of taxes for real property assessment for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025, containing an emergency measure.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-64 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-64; Councilman Workman seconded.

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City Clerk Wright presented the FY26 property tax rates.

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. 2025-65: FY26 City Budget

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, adopting the annual City budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-65 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-65; Councilman Workman seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the council regarding the HB567 and a couple of changes.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Auditorium parking lot expansion and failed to address council regarding this parking lot expansion. There are some storm water issues with this area. Kennedy then went through the Hotel/Motel funds that were set by the Events Board.

Forest then addressed the council regarding HB567 being passed on July 10th by the Missouri Governor. The city was notified at any time regarding to this change in the minimum wage law. Just by happenstance, we came across some information on this bill passing. This required public employers to now pay minimum wage. This only affected a couple of employees that are a normal 2080 hour a year employee or part time. However, it did cause issues with not only our fire department but also our police departments due to the amount of hours both of these departments work a year and the Department of Labor requiring us to follow the minimum wage law based on an hour by hour basis.

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. 2025-66: Canvassing of Returns for the August 5, 2025 for the Use Tax Ballot Question

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, canvassing the returns of the municipal election held Tuesday, August 5, 2025, submitting to the qualified voters of said city, to impose a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of three percent (3.0%).

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-66 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-66; Councilwoman Humphrey

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seconded.

City Clerk Wright presented the canvassing of the returns of the use tax election.

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. 2025-67: LAGERS Retirement

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, Authorizing Participation in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) L6 Program and Establishing Retirement Benefits for Eligible Employees.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-67 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-67; Councilman Workman seconded.

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the city council, stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the retirement moving from L8 to L6.

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. 2025-68: Surplus City Property for Surplus Auction

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri declaring certain personal property as surplus; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents for sale and or disposal of the same.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-68 in title only.

Mayor Davidson made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-68; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

City Clerk Wright addressed the council stating that the list before them is up for surplus and will be going to the City Auction to be held in October.

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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Bill No. 2025-69: Amending Article II Section 120.120 and Section 120.130

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, amending Chapter 120 Finances, Article II Purchases and Sales by repealing and replacing Section 120.120 Purchases Exceeding Fifteen Hundred Dollars and Purchases Exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars; Generally; Section 120.130 Purchases, Sales, Etc. Over Ten Thousand Dollars—to Be by Written Contract with Most Favorable Bidder; and Section 120.210 Purchases, Sales, Etc., Over Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars but Less than Fifteen Hundred Dollars of the Code of Ordinances to increase the limits for such purchases and sales by the City Manager or Department Heads by written contract.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2025-69 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2025-69; Councilman Workman seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the changes in the purchasing policy from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

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. 2025-30: BlueShield Grant Application

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving and authorizing an application for Blue Shield Grant Program to seek grant funding in the amount of \$46,505.12 for use by the Neosho Police Department.

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

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

Interim Police Chief Whitehead addressed the city council stating that this item is to apply for the \$50,000 grant through BlueShield. Once a community earns the Blue Shield designation, it becomes eligible for up to \$50,000 in grant funding. These funds can be used for:

- Law enforcement equipment,
- Training programs,
- And technology upgrades.

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. 2025-31: Maintenance agreement for Livescan fingerprint machine through 2026

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A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with IDEMIA Identity & Security USA LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of continuing a maintenance and support agreement for LiveScan System Software for the not to exceed price of Three Thousand One Hundred Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,102.00); and authorizing the Chief of Police for the City Neosho to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

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

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

Interim Police Chief Whitehead addressed the city council stating that this is the maintenance agreement for our Livescan fingerprint machine through 2026. This is the annual maintenance agreement for the Livescan fingerprinting machine.

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. 2025-32: Agreement with Allgeier, Martin & Associates for the Auditorium Parking Lot

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho approving an Engineering Services Work Authorization Agreement with Allgeier Martin & Associates, Inc., a Missouri corporation, for the purpose of performing engineering services for the Civic Center Parking Lot Project for the not to exceed price of Forty-Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$43,00.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

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

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

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that this is the contract with Allgeier Martin and Associates for engineering of the Neosho Municipal Auditorium Parking Lot. This project is for the expansion of parking at the Neosho Municipal Auditorium at the intersection of S. Jefferson Street and W. Main Street. The attached agreement is with Allgeier, Martin & Associates for engineering services of this parking lot.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Additional Sidewalk and Curbing with Branco

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Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council stating that the this agenda item is to seek council approval for additional sidewalk, curbing, and 1 ADA ramp to the current project with Branco Enterprises. The original bid for this project was \$149,800. City staff budgeted a total of \$200,000. Staff wanted to utilize the entire amount budgeted and requested pricing for more sidewalk and curbing replacement while contractors are still on-site. Staff requested 510 linear feet of curbing, 314 square yards of sidewalk, and 1 ADA ramp in the same vicinity as the current project with the same unit pricing as the original bid. Total for the additions is \$69,890.00 This additional work will be over budget if approved by \$19,690.00. A budget amendment will be needed at a later date.

Mayor Davidson made a motion to additional sidewalk and curbing with Branco Enterprises under the current contract; 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

June Financial Report

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council and updated the on the June Financials.

Update on FEMA Recovery Grant for April 2025 Storm

Finance Director Leavens addressed the council and updated them on the FEMA Recovery Grant for April 2025 storm.

Robert and Ruth Shartel Barnes Revocable Trust-Neosho IOOF Cemetery

The Neosho IOOF Cemetery received a \$5,000.00 donation for the revocable trust from Robert and Ruth Shartel Barnes.

Melody Lane

Public Works Director Siler addressed the council and updated them on the issues at Melody Lane.

DED Project - Stratford - Stormwater Project

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council and updated them on the completed project through DED Stormwater Project located at Stratford and Freeman.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Mayor Davidson made a motion to appoint Jonas Yost to the Parks and Rec Board and Phyllis Blackwood to the Library Board; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

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Workman
No: None
Abstain: Carl Cobb
Passed.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Section 610.021 (1) RSMo,...Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Section 610.021 (2) RSMo...Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration, therefore.

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 closed the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:17 p.m. and announced that one vote was taken.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Davidson made a motion to Adjourn; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

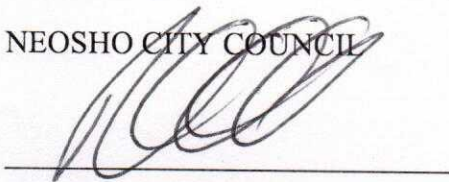
Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the August 19, 2025 Council Meeting at 9:17 p.m.

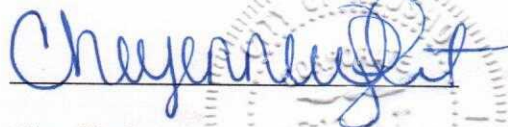
APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk

