

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
September 20, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeff Higgins opened with prayer and Mayor DeWitt led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

TYLER DEWITT, RICHARD DAVIDSON, ANGELA THOMAS, ASHTON ROBINSON, CARL COBB,
CHARLES COLLINSWORTH

COUNCIL ABSENT:

JULIE HUMPHREY WAS EXCUSED BY COUNCIL.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

DAVID KENNEDY, CITY MANAGER; JORDAN PAUL, CITY ATTORNEY; CHEYENNE WRIGHT,
CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeWitt asked to amend the agenda to include a letter of support for AT&T for a broadband grant under New Business as number 6.

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by the Mayor; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes from September 6, 2022, Bill No. 2022-59, Bill No. 2022-65, Bill No. 2022-66 and Bill No. 2022-67; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None
Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was nobody present for visitor's business.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Recognition from the Neosho Fire Chief for a Life-Saving Event

Fire Chief Houk presented a Life-Saving Award to Engineer Steven Hendrix and Fireman Nathan Sanders for saving a man during cardiac arrest.

Cheyenne Wright - Advanced Certified Municipal Official-MML

City Manager Kennedy presented City Clerk Wright with the Advanced Municipal Official Certification from the Missouri Municipal League. City Clerk Wright increased her certification with the Missouri Municipal League from Certified Municipal Official to Advanced Municipal Official.

Thank you to Krysti Muhic

Human Resources Director, Krysti Muhic, was thanked for going above and beyond for the City. When she noticed a need in another department, she stepped up. Two letters of thanks were read by City Clerk Wright from Terry Telford and Shoal Creek Baptist for the golf tournaments that Krysti Muhic helped organize.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Bill No. 2022-14: City's Purchasing Policy and Procedures

A RESOLUTION adopting purchasing policies and procedures.

Resolution Bill No. 2022-14 was read in title only by City Attorney Paul.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2022-14: City's Purchasing Policy and Procedures; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Attorney Paul addressed the City Council stating that the current Purchasing Policy and Procedures require settlement of claims to be approved by the Council. This update authorizes the City Manager to settle any claims where the City is a claimant, and the damages are less than \$10,000 and that the settlement makes the City whole and restores the City to the position it would have been.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Optimum's Broadband Support Letter

Rett Gum spoke before the Council stating that this letter is to seek the Council's approval for the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Optimum's effort to secure a MoARPA grant funding for high speed internet in Neosho.

Part of Missouri's American Rescue Plan Act grants is to increase broadband internet to undeserved areas of the state. Optimum is applying for a grant that would help increase the availability of broadband fiber internet service in Neosho. This letter helps Optimum establish community support for their project as required by the grant application.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve the Letter of Support for Optimum; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Amendment to Electric Service Agreement with Liberty Utilities

Assistant Public Works Director Barrett addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to approve the amendments to the Liberty Utilities agreement, as follows:

2008 W. Glen Street monthly decrease of -\$1.82

326 St. John Street monthly increase of \$0.73

605 Carson Street monthly decrease -\$1.79

This makes the amendment a total monthly decrease of -\$2.12.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the Amendments to the Liberty Utility Contract; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Big Spring CID Budget

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council stating that in accordance with RSMo 67.147 the Big Spring CID is submitting to the council a proposed budget for FY23. Using the current revenue trends and contractual agreements, the board estimates \$62,210.00 in proposed revenues and \$57,080.00 in proposed expenditures.

The estimated increase in fund balance is \$5,130.00. The CID account will receive the Sales/Use taxes, pay out 90% to the developer and pay any board attorney expenses, as needed.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the FY23 Big Spring CID Budget; Councilman Collinsworth

seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: Richard Davidson

Passed.

Councilman Davidson abstained due to serving on the Big Spring CID Board.

RFQ Public Safety Center

City Manager Kennedy addressed the Council and requested to go out for RFQ for programming, preliminary budgeting, location/feasibility study and conceptual planning for a public safety center. In June of 2020, the Neosho voters approved a half cent public safety tax to help fund our Police and Fire Departments. During the promotion of this tax, staff indicated a list of necessities needed to upgrade our equipment and facilities. City staff is requesting that council allow them to seek an architectural designer through an RFQ process to assist with the design and location of a new public safety center. The RFQ will be used to help staff with the project.

Mike Atkinson of Allgeier, Martin and Associates explained the design build and what that means. This is adding in the architect for this build instead of going to the construction company direct. CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) is something else that they have.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss going out for RFQ for Public Safety Center; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Letter of Support for AT&T for Broadband Grant

Development Services Director Leavens stated that this is also a letter of support for broadband, just like the letter of support approved for Optimum earlier in this Council meeting. Staff recommends approving this letter of support for AT&T.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the Letter of Support for AT&T Broadband; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Events Board - Letter of Interest from Ashley Jones-Scroggins

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Ashley Jones-Scroggins to the Events Board; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Neosho IOOF Cemetery - Letter of Interest from Sarah Martin

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Sarah Martin to the Neosho IOOF Cemetery Board; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Parks and Recreation Manager Balls addressed the Council about the QR Codes for the RV Sites and park rentals. This option has been getting used frequently and has been working very well.

Police Chief Baird addressed the Council about the winner of the state bid on the vehicles for police vehicles. We will move forward with our budget expenditure for next year by putting our order in.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor DeWitt asked for a motion to go into closed session under:

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.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to To Go into Closed Session; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor DeWitt closed the open session council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The Council came back into open session at 9 p.m. The Mayor announced that there were three votes taken.

ADJOURN

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

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Adjourn; Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

No: None

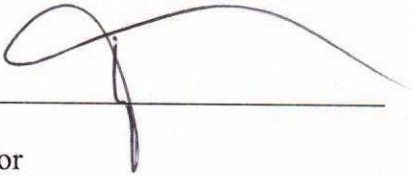
Abstain: None

Mayor DeWitt closed the September 20, 2022 City Council meeting at 9:01 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor

City Clerk

