

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
April 7, 2026 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Tye Zola opened with prayer and Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson (via Zoom), Julie Humphrey, Ashton Robinson, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:

None were 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 Collinsworth 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 as follows:

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Bill No. 2026-19

Bill No. 2026-20

Bill No. 2026-22

Closed Minutes for Approval; 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.

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VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Reagan Jones - Bill No. 2026-21

Reagan Jones spoke regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in opposition.

Joshua Danner - Bill No. 2026-21

Joshua Danner addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in opposition.

Jackie Danner - Bill No. 2026-21

Jackie Danner addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in opposition.

Trey Weaver - Bill No. 2026-21

Trey Weaver was not present to speak.

Karen Sprenkle - Bill No. 2026-21

Karen Sprenkle addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in the affirmative.

Tye Zola - Bill No. 2026-21

Tye Zola addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in the affirmative. He requested the council to postpone the vote until April 21st Council Meeting.

Dawn Wolford - Bill No. 2026-21

Dawn Wolford addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in the affirmative.

John Mills - Bill No. 2026-21

John Mills addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 and the transparency of how this was handled.

Reagan Jones asked if she could address the council again. Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson allowed her to speak briefly. Reagan Jones stated that she lives right behind the police station with young children and this transfer makes her very nervous for their safety.

Hank Johnson - Bill No. 2026-21

Hank Johnson addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in opposition.

William Seay - Petition for Redress of Grievance

William Seay addressed the council regarding formally submitting a petition for a redress of grievance.

Suzie Crossno - Bill No. 2026-21

Suzie Crossno addressed the council regarding Bill No. 2026-21 in opposition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2026-21: Real Estate Purchase Contract (City of Neosho & Neosho Crosslines Ministries/Restoration Life Center)

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho declaring certain tracts of real property located at 201 N. College, 125 N. College and 221 Brook Street as surplus and waiving the requirements pursuant to Section 120.235

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Purchases and Sales of Real Estate and authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, a Missouri Municipal Corporation (“City”), to enter into and approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (“MOU”) with Neosho Crosslines Ministries, Inc., a Missouri nonprofit corporation, dba Restoration Life Center (“RLC”), for the purpose of entering into a future real estate agreement to purchase or acquire real property and to sell or transfer real property to be declared surplus and Lease Agreement for the same; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2026-21 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to postpone until the April 21, 2026 Council Meeting; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

BIDS

Sidewalk Renovations for Council Chambers/Court at City Hall

City Clerk Wright addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the bid received from Marion Company for the sidewalk renovations for Council Chambers/Municipal Court entrance at City Hall. Staff sent out multiple bids and received two back, as follows:

Marion Company \$17,496.00

R.E. Smith Construction Company \$39,500.00

Staff recommends approving the bid from Marion Company.

Councilman Workman made a motion to approve the bid from Marion Company (CSG) in the amount of \$17,496.00; 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.

Senior Center Storage Building and Dumpster Enclosure

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that this bid was sent out and when the bids were received back, it was then learned that the bid specifications were incorrect. Staff recommends denying these bids and allowing staff to rebid. Both contractors that bid were also in agreement.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to reject all bids; Councilman Cobb 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Bill No. 2026-10: Authorization for Charge Offs for Years 2013-2015

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing the charge off of accounts owed to the City of Neosho for the fiscal years of 2013 through 2015 in the amount of Four Hundred Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six and 27/100 Dollars (\$404,676.27) as submitted by the City Finance Director.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-10 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-10; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval and inform Council of the bad debt to be written off the general ledger. In an effort to match expenses with forecasted revenues, staff is preparing to write off a large number of unpaid utility billings. These billings are two batches which will total 4,126 customers and value of \$404,676.27. All the accounts in this first round are all Pre September 30, 2015. Once approved, the process will be posted to the general ledger. The amounts while written off can still be collected and added back to the general ledger.

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. 2026-11: Authorize and Appoint Richard Davidson as Representative for City of Neosho

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing Richard Davidson, individually, as a representative for the City to provide testimony and appear on behalf of the City of Neosho before the Public Service Commission for the State of Missouri for the purpose of any hearing or proceeding that may be required for review and approval by the Public Service Commission regarding the Agreement for Purchase of the Water and Wastewater Systems between the City of Neosho and Missouri-American Water Company.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-11 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-11; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

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City Attorney Snyder addressed the council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for a resolution authorizing Richard Davidson to appear on behalf of the City of Neosho before the Public Service Commission. This resolution authorizes Richard Davidson to represent the City of Neosho before the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) in File No. WA-2026-0072. The MoPSC must review and approve the City's Agreement to sell the Water and Wastewater Systems to Missouri-American Water Company (approved by Council on August 19, 2025, Ordinance No. 641-2025, for \$34,500,000). Approval of this resolution allows Mr. Davidson to provide testimony and appear as needed on the City's behalf to support MoPSC review and approval of the agreement.

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. 2026:12: Destruction of Records

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, NOTIFYING THE COUNCIL OF THE DESTRUCTION OF CITY RECORDS.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-12 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-12; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

City Clerk Wright addressed the council for the destruction of city records. The purpose of this resolution is to comply with state procedures for the retention and destruction of municipal records. RSMo 109.230 states: The director shall, with due regard for the functions of the agencies concerned, and subject to the approval of the Secretary of State: Public lists of records authorized for disposal or retention. City Code Section 110.390 states the City Clerk shall have custody of and shall safely keep the public records, original rolls of ordinances and resolutions of the City Council, such other records, documents and papers of public nature as may be delivered into his/her custody.

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. 2026-13: MOU for Southwestern Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force

A RESOLUTION approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Southwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Neosho Police Department for the purpose of inter-agency cooperation with law enforcement involving cyber crimes, including internet crimes against children.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-13 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-13; Councilwoman

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Thomas seconded.

Police Chief Russell addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the Southwestern Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force (SMCCTF) is a multi-agency, partially grant-funded task force supported by the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The mission of the SMCCTF is to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children through the use of the internet and technology, in compliance with ICAC standards and procedures. Participation in the SMCCTF allows the Neosho Police Department to collaborate with partner agencies on investigations involving internet-based sexual exploitation of children, including online enticement and child sexual abuse material offenses. The Task Force also provides access to specialized investigative resources, digital forensic examinations, training, equipment, personnel support, and community education efforts related to internet crimes against children, as grant funding permits. The MOU formalizes the cooperative relationship between the Neosho Police Department and the SMCCTF, outlines the mission and purpose of the task force, and establishes terms for participation, duration, and termination. The agreement remains in effect for the duration of the Task Force's existence and automatically renews unless terminated by either party. The MOU does not create a financial obligation for the City beyond participation supported by available grant funding

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. 2026-14: Authorization for CAC-MDT Interagency Agreement

A RESOLUTION approving the Children's Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Protocols and Interagency Memorandum of Understanding with the Children's Center of SWMO to affirm protocols and procedures to promote the best interests of children and families involved in child abuse/neglect investigations and the efficient and fair administration of justice, and authorizing the Chief of Police to execute.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-14 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-14; Councilman Workman seconded.

Police Chief Russell addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) model provides a coordinated, child-focused response to investigations involving allegations of child abuse, neglect, and related offenses. The updated Interagency MOU formalizes collaboration among participating jurisdictions and agencies, including local law enforcement, the Missouri Children's Division, prosecuting attorneys, juvenile offices, medical and mental health providers, and victim advocacy partners. The agreement establishes standardized protocols for investigations, forensic interviews, medical examinations, information sharing, confidentiality, and case review, all consistent with Missouri statute and nationally recognized best practices. The intent of the MOU is to reduce duplication of interviews, minimize trauma to children, improve investigative efficiency, and ensure consistent communication and cooperation among participating agencies. The MOU is voluntary in nature, does not supersede statutory authority, and does not create additional fiscal obligations for the City. Execution of the agreement allows continued participation in the regional CAC-MDT framework coordinated by the Children's

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Center of Southwest Missouri.

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

Park's Update - Morse Park Fencing and Walking Trail Lighting

Parks Director Balls addressed the council and updated them on changes at Morse Park. There is a new cable fencing at the soccer fields and the paved walking trail and the green posts are being removed and replaced with steel pipe.

Park's Update — No Fishing at Big Spring Park.

Parks Director Balls addressed the council and updated them on signs being placed at Big Spring Park restricting this area to a No Fishing Park.

Republic Trash Update

Finance Director Forest addressed the council regarding the first bill for Republic Trash services going out this month.

Mayor's Statement regarding comments under visitor's business. Mayor Davidson addressed the public comment made regarding the council violating the city charter. City Attorney Snyder spoke to this.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Cobb made a motion to go into closed under 610.021 (1) and (3); Councilman Workman 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 (3) RSMo...Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee of a public governmental body.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson closed open session at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson reconvened open session at 8:51 p.m. and announced that no votes were taken.

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ADJOURN

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

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to adjourn; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Cobb, Collinsworth, Humphrey, Davidson, Robinson, Workman and Thomas.

No: There were none.

Abstain: There were none.

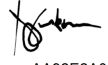
Motion carried.

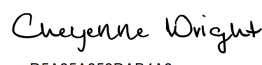
Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson adjourned the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

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Tom Workman, Mayor

Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk

