

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
March 3, 2026 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Shain Jordan 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, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Mayor Davidson made a motion to excuse Ashton Robinson from the council meeting; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

David Kennedy, City Manager; Derek Snyder, City Attorney; and Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk, minutes taken by clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Davidson made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Councilman Workman

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seconded.

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Bill No. 2026-15

Bill No. 2026-16

Amendments to Liberty Utility Contract

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There were no visitors for visitor's business.

PROCLAMATION

Declaring March as CGFM Month

City Clerk read the proclamation declaring March as CGFM month in its entirety.

BIDS

Doniphan Property Sale

Development Services Director Worster addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for to request council approval for the bid from Neosho Holding Company for the purchase of city property on Doniphan Drive in the amount of \$948,000.01. The council approved the sale of city property on Doniphan Drive and staff sent out bids and posted them online. The property was appraised at \$840,000.00. The bid received from Neosho Holding Company was in the amount of \$948,000.01. Staff recommends council approving the bid from Neosho Holding Company in the amount of \$948,000.01.

Mayor Davidson made a motion to approve the bid for purchase of city real estate for property located on Doniphan Drive in the amount of \$948,000.01; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

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Bill No. 2026-17: FY26 Budget Amendment

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, providing that the revenues and expenditures budget be amended for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2026-17 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2026-17; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to amend City revenue and expenditure budgets to reflect changes since the adoption of the original FY26 budget. Our fiscal year ends September 30th. Staff is requesting this amendment to adjust the accounts for the additional purchases and grant revenue.

Fund Increase (Decrease)

100 General Fund (\$641,842.00)

120 Police Funds (\$69.00)

124 Shop With a Hero (\$2,977.00)

130 Fire Fund (\$26,621.00)

180 Parks Fund \$8,702.00

195 Auditorium Fund \$1,513.00

300 Capital Fund \$0.00

450 Golf Fund \$810.00

500 Water/Wastewater Fund (\$22,727.50)

700 Abbott Brothers Fund \$3,388.00

800 Street Fund \$6,142.00

Total City Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance (\$673,681.50)

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2026-18: Exemption to World Cup Alcohol Extension of Hours

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, exempting the City of Neosho from the provisions of Section 311.2026 RSMo, relating to liquor licensees temporary state authorized extension of service hours, and setting out the objections to the same for the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2026-18 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Bill No. 2026-18; Councilwoman

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Humphrey seconded.

City Clerk Wright addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval to exempt the city from twenty-four alcohol sales from June 11, 2026, to July 19, 2026. On July 11, 2025, the Governor of the State of Missouri signed into law House Bill No. 1041, effective August 28, 2025, which enacted a new Section 311.2026, of Chapter 311 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, authorizing businesses licensed to sell intoxicating liquors to operate and sell alcoholic beverages “twenty-four hours a day” for the period beginning June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, (during the duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament). This ordinance would exempt the City of Neosho from allowing alcohol sales 24 hours a day during this period allowed by the state.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2026-06: Morse Park Walking Trail Lights

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving Amendments to the agreement with Toby Henson, d/b/a Henson Electric, for the purpose of providing electric lighting services related to installation of Phase 2 and Phase 3 trail lights at Morse Park for the not to exceed price of Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen and 52/100 Dollars (\$24,613.52) for each Phase, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-06 in title only.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-06; Councilman Workman seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that this agenda item is to seek council approval to authorize electrical service installation related to phase 2 and phase 3 trail lighting improvements at Morse Park. The city has been implementing a phased trail lighting project at Morse Park to improve the safety, accessibility, and usability of the park's walking trail. Phase 1 of the project has been completed by Henson Electric and is currently operational. Phase 2 and 3 represent the continuation of this project and will extend trail lighting to additional areas of the park. The same electrical contractor is proposed to complete these phases to maintain consistency with the existing installation and system design.

Cost / Fiscal Impact:

. Phase 2: \$24,613.52

. Phase 3: \$24,613.52

. Total cost for phase 2 and 3: \$49, 227.04

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Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2026-07: Agreement with Signature Dirtworx for Demo of Old City Hall

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving an agreement with Signature Dirtworx, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, for the purpose of providing construction services for the demolition and removal of the former Neosho City Hall and Municipal Court Building at 221 W. Brook Street for the not to exceed price of Seventy-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy & 00/100 Dollars (\$71,270.00) and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-07 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-07; Councilman Workman seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval of the agreement with Signature Dirtworx for the demolition of the old City Hall building. During the February 17, 2026 council meeting, council approved the bid from Signature Dirtworx for the demolition of the old City Hall building in the amount of \$71,270.00.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2026-08: 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. 2026-08 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-08; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

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City Clerk Wright addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval and 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, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2026-09: Engagement Letter with CUNNINGHAM, VOGEL & ROST, P.C.

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving a legal services contract with Cunningham, Vogel & Rost, P.C. and authorizing the City Manager to execute same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

City Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2026-09 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to approve and discuss Resolution Bill No. 2026-09; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Development Services Director Worster addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for an agreement to provide legal services from CUNNINGHAM, VOGEL & ROST, P.C. The City of Neosho desires to investigate and pursue the formation of a Community Improvement District and desires to retain legal services related thereto and for other economic development assistance from CUNNINGHAM, VOGEL & ROST, P.C.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

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Variance for 21-Gun Salute

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to ask council to consider and approve a variance from City Code, Section 215.630A, number 7, to allow a ceremonial 21-gun salute during a celebration of life to be held in Morse Park near the Lampo Building on April 21, 2026. The City of Neosho received a request from La Verne Norman to hold a celebration of life event at the Lampo Building in Morse Park. As part of the planned ceremony, the family has asked to include a traditional 21-gun salute by the American Legion, in honor of La Verne's late husband outside of the Lampo Building in Morse Park. Per City Code, a person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons if he/she knowingly discharges or shoots a firearm at a mark, at any object or at random on, along or across a public highway or discharges or shoots a firearm into any outbuilding unless a variance is granted by City Council. This request is solely for a ceremonial, controlled salute conducted by the American Legion.

Mayor Davidson made a motion to approve the variance to Code Section 215.630A(7) for a 21-Gun Salute at the Lampo Building; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Neosho Police 2025 Year End Report

Police Chief Russell presented the 2025 Year End Police Report to the City Council.

Fire Dept. End of Year Report

Fire Chief Houk presented the 2025 Year End Fire Report to the City Council.

Write-Off of Uncollectible Accounts

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council updating them on the write offs of uncollectible accounts and when to expect changes for that at a later date.

Opening Day of Trout Season Update

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council updating them on the Opening Day of Trout Season at Morse Park.

March 6th Employee Appreciation Breakfast

CLOSED SESSION

Section 610.021 (1) RSMo,...Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public

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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.

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

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor Davidson closed open session at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Davidson reconvened open session at 8:11 p.m. and announced that no votes were taken.

ADJOURN

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

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

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinworth, Richard Davidson, Julie Humphrey, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman

No: None

Abstain: None


Passed.

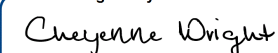
Mayor Davidson adjourned the March 3, 2026, Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

City Clerk