

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
January 17, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tye Zola opened the meeting 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:

Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Charles Collinsworth, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, Ashton Robinson, Tyler DeWitt

COUNCIL ABSENT:

None were absent.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the Agenda; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Consent the Agenda to include the items below
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Bill No. 2023-102: The Canopy Agreement for Alley Specifications

Bill No. 2023-104: Amending Section 405.010 Definitions

Bill No. 2023-105: Amending Section 405.110 District C-1 Retail Business District - Recreational Marijuana

Bill No. 2023-106: Amending Section 405.130 C-3 Commercial Business District - Recreational Marijuana

Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Chuck Lackner was present to speak on Channel 12, Direct TV and Dish Network's dispute and not working together. He would request the city to send in a letter to all entities requesting them to finalize this dispute. He also brought to the Council's attention Suddenlink/Optimum's payment issues. He had gotten his bill down and then was charged over double a couple months later. He does not want this to happen to anyone else.

NEW BUSINESS

DOR Form 4379

Finance Director Forest addressed the Council stated that this form allows only those listed to view the tax information provided by the State of Missouri. Staff requests David Kennedy and Leslie Forest to be approved.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the DOR Form 4379 to include David Kennedy and Leslie Forest; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Amendment to Electric Service Agreement with Liberty Utilities

Public Works Director Siler addressed the Council stating that staff is requesting the following amendments to the Liberty Utilities contract:

1013 Shartel St. monthly decrease of \$1.79

820 S Wood St. monthly increase of \$0.79

Valley and Harmony St. monthly increase of \$0.79

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None
Passed.

Celebrate Neosho Fireworks Contract Assignment

Attorney Paul addressed the Council stating that the Council had previously accepted the bid of Riverside Fireworks to provide the fireworks display for Celebrate Neosho. Riverside was bought out by Encore Pyrotechnics. Encore has contacted the city to ensure acceptance of the existing agreement. The owner of Encore is a previous employee of Riverside and has managed the Celebrate Neosho fireworks in the past.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve the contract reassignment as presented by staff for the Celebrate Neosho Fireworks; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Celebrate Neosho Event Format

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that he would like to seek the Council's direction on how to proceed with the Celebrate Neosho Celebration. Last year the event went over budget, was not as populated as it was thought it was going to be and staff would like to look into having a later evening event when it is cooler. The staff believe that having food vendors, family games and fireworks during the evening down at Morse Park will still draw in a crowd. This would also reduce the need for police on the square all night long. The staff would like to see the event start around 4-5 p.m. in the evening, on the west side of the square.

The council would like to see more sponsors, such as the Neosho Chamber of Commerce, Freeman Hospital, LaZBoy etc, to get the fireworks and music paid for. The council would still like to see family events and music be a part of Celebrate Neosho.

Support Letter for City of Joplin Bike Trail

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the Council stating that this letter of support is to show the cities support of the USBR51 bicycle route from New Orleans to Des Moines, Iowa.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the letter of support for the USBR51; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Fire Chief Houk addressed the Council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council's approval of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for an air cleaning system for Station 1 and Station 2. This is a source catch system that will be hooked to our truck to collect any exhaust that the truck produces while running in the stations. Staff also asks for the City Manager to be named as the Grant Administrator to oversee the spending of the grant. This is a 5% match grant.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the Assistance to Firefighters Grant; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Richard Davidson stated that he has noticed new failures on Kodiak Road close to Dusty Lane. He stated that he believes that this is not in city limits. However, this is another issue with the TDD shutting down early. Jordan has been in contact with the TDD's council and they are aware of some of the failures and know that the obligation will need to be addressed.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor DeWitt asked for a motion to go into closed session under sections 610.021 (1) and 610.021 (2):

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Go into Closed Session under Section 610.021 (1) and 610.021 (2); Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor DeWitt closed the open session at 7:31 p.m.

The Council came back into open session at 7:58 p.m. and stated that two votes were taken.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Davidson made a motion to Adjourn; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor DeWitt closed the January 17, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

City Clerk

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Roll call vote:

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No: None

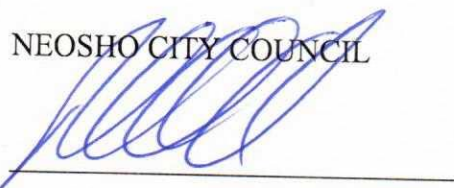
Abstain: None

Passed.

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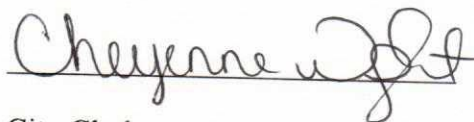
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