

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Neosho City Hall
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Mark Taylor 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:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

There were no council members 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 Workman made a motion to Approve the Agenda; 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda; Councilwoman Humphrey

seconded.

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Bill No. 2024-13

Bill No. 2024-14

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was nobody present for visitor's business.

BIDS

Swift Ball Field Lighting

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that the this agenda item is to seek council approval to accept the bid from Southwest Electric to replace the older ballast lighting on the Swift ball field at Morse Park with new LED lighting. There is a total of 30 lights that will be replaced.

Staff sent out bid packets to multiple contractors for the Swift ball field lighting at Morse Park and received four bids back for this project. The budget for the Swift Ball Field Lighting project is - \$30,000.00

1. Bill's Electric - \$47,750.00

2. Henson Electric had two options. Option 1 is for \$33,928.00. Option 1 is different brands of lighting. Option 2 is for \$31,504.00.

3. Premier Electric Services had two options. Option 1 is for \$46,500.00. Option 2 is for \$44,500.00.

4. Southwest Missouri Electric - \$29,500.00

The staff recommendation is to accept the bid from Southwest Missouri Electric for the amount \$29,500.00, to remove the old lighting and install new LED lighting on Swift Field.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the bid from Southwest Missouri Electric in the amount of \$29,500.00; 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2024-15 Contract with Utility Service Co. Inc. - USG - Water Tank Washout

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement for water tank storage washout services with Utility Service Co. Inc., d/b/a USG Water Solutions, a Foreign Corporation, for the purpose of providing washout and disinfection service of the City's water storage tank for the not to exceed price of Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,281.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-15 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-15; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

City Manager Kennedy addressed the council stating that this is for the washout of the Crowder Reservoir that was approved during the February 20th, 2024 Council Meeting.

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. 2024-16: Southwest Missouri Electric contract for Swift Ball Field Lighting.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement for Electrical Services with SWMO Electric, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of providing electric lighting services related to replacement of stadium lights for Swift Ball Field for the not to exceed price of Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,500.00); and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-16 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-16; Councilwoman Robinson seconded.

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City Manager Kennedy stated that this is the bid that was just approved by council for the ballfield lighting on Swift Field.

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. 2024-17: Amending City Code 135.060: Prosecuting Attorney

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho repealing and replacing Section 110.260 Duties—to prosecute suits and defend actions, Paragraph (A) and repealing and replacing Section 135.060 Duties of the City’s Prosecuting Attorney of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Neosho.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-17 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-17; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

City Attorney Snyder addressed the council stating that this is to update the code with the prosecuting attorney position. The city has not always had this separate distinction between prosecuting attorney and city attorney. This will clear up the code for this position.

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. 2024-10: Adopt the Proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF NEOSHO ADOPTING THE 2024 CITY OF NEOSHO HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Attorney Snyder read Resolution Bill No. 2024-10 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2024-10; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

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Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to approve the plan put together by HSTCC for the City of Neosho Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

City Hall Parking Lot - Space Abandonment

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the council stating that this is in reference to the new court room that is being placed in the building behind us in the old Canopy Church building.

The Newton County Commission is requesting one space directly behind the building for an employee entrance. This parking space would be utilized to place stairs for a door out the back of the building.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve the request for the abandonment of one space on the East side of the property directly behind City Hall; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: None

No: None

Abstain: None

Irrevocable Consent to Annexation for 1227 N College St.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for 1227 N. College Street to hook up to city utilities.

There is an irrevocable consent before council for approval. This property is currently not contiguous or it would be annexed into the city instead.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the irrevocable consent to annexation for 1227 N. College Street; 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.

Hotel Feasibility Study

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating and presented the Hotel feasibility Study.

Police Department End of Year Report

Police Chief Baird addressed the council and presented the end of year police report.

Fire Department End of Year Report

Fire Chief Houk addressed the council and presented the end of year fire department report.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Social Media Policy Discussion

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that this discussion is regarding a social media policy. This is to give guidance to staff on the social media posts that are posted by the city.

By a consensus of council to approve the policy as presented and to bring the policy back for final approval with a resolution.

Hunting Policy for City Property Discussion

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council guidance on a hunting policy for employees on city property. This would be for archery only. This is only for airport property, Doniphan, and other city property. The City Manager would like to see this as employees first and then open it up to outside citizens.

A resolution will be brought back to council for final approval.

We would like to issue _____ permits per year and city employees get those first. If those are not all taken, then these will open to the public to apply for these permits.

Light Pole Banner Policy

City Manager Kennedy addressed the council stating that this policy is for the light poles in the downtown area that have the option to hang banners. There are sixteen that can be utilized to hang

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banners. Currently the city uses these twice a year, however staff would like to see these used more often. This would allow groups to rent the spaces for a year to hang banners that are pre-approved by staff and meet the guidelines of the policy. The city would not allow hangings during June and September due to the city having events those times.

By a consensus of council to bring a policy back with a resolution for approval.

Recreational Vehicle "RV" Park District

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the council updating the council on the RV Park visitor from the February 20, 2024 council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Davidson made a motion to go into closed session under section 610.021 (1) and (2); 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.

Mayor Davidson closed open session at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Davidson reconvened open session at 9:59 p.m. and announced that two votes were taken.

ADJOURN

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

Councilman Workman made a motion to Adjourn; 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.

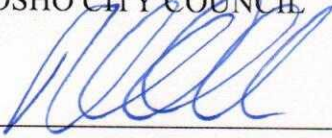
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Mayor Davidson adjourned the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting at 9:59 p.m.

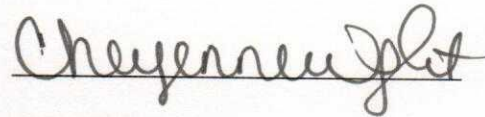
APPROVED

ATTEST

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Cheyenne", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk

