

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
June 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
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, Carl Cobb, Angela Thomas, Tom Workman, Julie Humphrey, Richard Davidson, and Ashton Robinson

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; 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 to include:

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Bill No. 2024-41

Bill No. 2024-42

Bill No. 2024-43

Bill No. 2024-44

Bill No. 2024-46

Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

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Tom Workman
No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was no one present to speak under visitor's business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you to the Neosho Fire and Police Departments was read by City Clerk Wright.

BIDS

Rotor Bearings

Ken Brady, Alliance Water Resources Manager, addressed the city council stating that this bid was sent out to three companies for the purchase of replacement bearings for the rotors at the Shoal Creek WWTP. Funds were allocated in the current budget for a rotor rebuild. We do not currently have a rotor that needs a complete rebuild. We do have 4 rotors that need the bearings replaced as a proactive measure to prevent future breakdowns. When these bearings completely fail, that can cause extensive damage. Our goal is to replace them and prevent that from occurring. There is \$60,000.00 allocated for rotor repairs in the current budget. We sent bids out and received one back from D&S Erectors, LLC in the amount of \$19,955.12.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve the bid from D&S Erectors in the amount of \$19,955.12; 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Request to Rezone 1630 Industrial Drive (MFA Propane) as C-3 Commercial Business District

Mayor Davidson opened the public hearing for rezoning request for 1630 Industrial Drive (MFA Propane) as C-3 Commercial Business District at 7:05 p.m.

There was no one present to speak.

Mayor Davidson closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2024-47: Annexation of 1630 Industrial Drive into the City of Neosho

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho approving the voluntary annexation of certain tracts of land, as petitioned by MFA Oil Company, owner of real property to be annexed to the City of Neosho, Missouri, and for the extension of the city limits of the City of Neosho, embracing and including unincorporated real property located in Newton County, Missouri, hereinafter described.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-47 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-47; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for annexing the property of 1630 Industrial Drive (MFA Propane) into the City of Neosho. This request has been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee and forwarded to the city council with a recommendation to accept the location into the city limits of Neosho. A public hearing was conducted by the City Council on May 21st with no public comment received. The 14-day period for additional public comment has expired without comment.

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. 2024-48: Rezoning of 1630 Industrial Drive (MFA Propane) as a C-3, Commercial Business District

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho to amend the zoning District Map for the City of Neosho for certain property within the limits of the City located at 1630 Industrial Drive, Neosho, Missouri, as requested by the owner, MFA Oil Company from a District "R-1" First Dwelling House District to a District "C-3" Commercial Business District.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-48 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-48; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for rezoning the property located at 1630 Industrial Drive as a C-3, Commercial Business District. MFA Oil located at 1630 Industrial Drive has requested to be annexed into the City of Neosho in a zone that allows them to continue the business as it has been. The request has been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee. The committee has recommended the location be accepted as a C-3, Commercial Business District.

Roll call vote:

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

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No: None
Abstain: None
Passed.

Bill No. 2024-49: Agreement with First Community Bank for Banking Services

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Neosho, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with First Community Bank, a Missouri financial institution, and First National Bankers Bank, as Custodian, for the purpose of providing banking services for the City of Neosho municipal accounts; authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-49 in title only.

Mayor Davidson recused himself from the meeting due to his relationship on the board of First Community Bank.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson took over the meeting.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-49; Councilman Workman seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval of the agreement for Custodial Services and Depository Agreement with First Community Bank for the City's banking services. On May 21, 2024, Council approved a bid from First Community Bank for banking services to cover a five-year period.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: Richard Davidson

Passed.

Mayor Davidson returned to the meeting.

Bill No. 2024-50: Loss Prevention and Safety Manual

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, adopting a Loss Prevention and Safety Manual for use by the staff of the City of Neosho, Missouri.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-50 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-50; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Human Resources Director Muhic addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to approve the updated Loss Prevention and Safety Manual. The current Loss Prevention and Safety Manual has not been updated since 2016. The Loss Prevention and Safety Manual is a guideline for city employees to follow while on duty. The City's Safety Committee, which includes all directors, meets monthly and has been in the process of reviewing and updating. The safety committee will continue to review annually.

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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.

Resolution Bill No. 2024-31: Fiscal and Investment Policy

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, adopting a new Fiscal and Investment Policy for the City of Neosho.

Attorney Snyder read Bill No. 2024-47 in title only.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2024-31; Mayor Davidson seconded.

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to update the Fiscal and Investment Policy that was last updated March 2000. The Fiscal and Investment Policy was completed and approved March 21, 2000. The policy as a whole is still valid and follow best practices and sound financial policies. Some areas are in need of additional changes to language and areas are very broad and outdated and in need of updating after 24 years. The revisions add additional structure to the existing policy.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Service Line Warranty Spring Campaign

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council stating that the Service Line Warranty Program would like to send out another mailer to the citizens. However the city logo will be removed for their summer campaign.

The city council approved the letter by consensus.

Insurance Invoices July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Finance Director Forest updated the council on the insurance invoices received from MIRMA and for the city's cyber security insurance. The invoices for each entity were received and MIRMA was in the amount of \$568,939.00 and the Cyber Security Invoice was \$12,190.00, which was only a little bit higher than last years.

Request to Approve Submission of Grant Application for Parks Dept.

Parks and Recreation Director Balls addressed the city council stating that staff would like to submit for the DNR grant available for recycled tire picnic tables and benches.

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Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve the DNR grant application for Parks Dept. for picnic tables and benches; 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.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Finance- Republic Services Increase

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council to update them on the increase received from Republic Services for trash services. The residents will see the rate increase on the August 15th water bill.

Hill Street / Sherman Street Discussion

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that this is to request the renaming of Hill Street from Oak Ridge to the Boulevard. Wildcat Hill was the suggestion made by the Neosho School District and another suggestion was for Senior Hill. Alumni Way was the suggested change for Sherman Street. By a consensus of council to move forward with Senior Hill as the renaming.

Mayor Davidson asked if we could also look into getting the school mascot on our city water towers.

City Manager Kennedy stated that he would look into this and report back to council.

Airport Hours Discussion

City Manager Kennedy addressed the city council stating that there will be an Airport Board meeting on Thursday to speak to the hours of operation at the Neosho Municipal Airport.

Mayor Davidson stated that he would like to speak about MoDOT areas in the city. The area at Hwy 60 and 49 looks really bad with weeds and dilapidating sidewalks. There are other intersections that look really bad that are supposed to be maintained by MoDOT.

City Manager spoke to an agreement dated back into the 1960s regarding what the city and what MoDOT should be maintaining and currently has the city attorney reviewing it.

City Manager Kennedy stated that the old water tower Dewey and Finney will be removed next week and take a day for demolition.

Municipal Auditorium repairs are going very well. We should see final inspections in three weeks.

MoDOT has stated that there were four change orders during the roundabout construction and the unverified overrun is a cost of over \$46,000.

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Councilman Collinsworth brought up Adams Drive and the fact that the road is still cracked and not in good repair.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Mayor Davidson closed open session at 7:41 pm.

Mayor Davidson reconvened open session at 8:28 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 the meeting.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Adjourn; 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.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the June 4, 2024 Council Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST

Cheyenne Wright

City Clerk

