

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Neosho Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Father Chaz 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:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Richard Davidson was 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; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Carl Cobb, Charles Collinsworth, 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. 2024-57

Bill No. 2024-60

Bill No. 2024-62

Bill No. 2024-63

Councilman Workman seconded.

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Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2024-61: Amending Code Section 215.195 Fireworks

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho amending Chapter 215 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV Offenses Concerning Public Safety by repealing and replacing Section 215.195 Fireworks, of the Code of Ordinances for provisions for the sale and use of fireworks pursuant to Section 320.111 RSMo, including year-round firework sales.

Attorney Sims read Bill No. 2024-61 in title only.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-61; Councilman Workman seconded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson explained to the council that this item needs to be amended for the times of fireworks being set off from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Amend the agenda to read 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote to amend Bill No. 2024-61:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Roll call vote to approve amended Bill No. 2024-61:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

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

BIDS

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Clarifier Skirting, Weir Replacement and Skim Pipe Replacement

Alliance Water Resources Manager, Ken Brady, addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council approval for the replacement and rebuild of the skirting, v-notch weir, and skim pipe for the west clarifier at the Shoal Creek WWTP. This project will rebuild and replace most of the inside portion of the clarifier, some of which is original equipment from the late 1980's. \$90,000.00 was placed in this year's budget for this project. Three bids were received, as follows:

K&B Excavating and Construction	\$88,735.00
D&S Erector, LLC	\$74,128.73
417 Concrete and Construction, LLC	\$84,724.61

Staff recommends approving the bid from D&S Erector, LLC in the amount of \$74,128.73.

Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve the bid from D&S Erector, LLC; Councilman Cobb seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Spring Street Parking Lot

Public Works Director Siler addressed the city council stating that the this agenda item is to seek council approval for the construction of the new Spring Street parking lot. The new parking lot will provide 29 parking spaces and 4 accessible parking spaces with ADA compliant sidewalks. Staff sent bids to multiple contractors for the construction of curb and gutter, sidewalks, water quality basin, striping, and asphalt for the lot and alley.

There were two bids received, as follows:

Blevins Asphalt \$152,945.00

Marion Company, LLC \$145,900.00

Staff recommends approving the bid from Marion Company in the amount of \$145,900.00.

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to approve the bid from Marion Company for the Spring Street Parking Lot Construction; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Public Hearing for the Rezoning of the Southeast Corner of Highway 86 and Jay Drive

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

There was no one present to speak.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2024-64: Voluntary Annexation of Property located near the Southeast Corner of the Intersection of Highway 86 and Jay Drive (Built-Rite)

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho approving the voluntary annexation of certain tracts of land, as petitioned by Built Rite Properties, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability 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 Sims read Bill No. 2024-64 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-64; Councilman Workman seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for the voluntary annexation of property near the south-east corner of the intersection of Highway 86 and Jay Drive owned by Built-Rite Properties, LLC. Built-Rite Properties, LLC applied for voluntary annexation into the city limits of Neosho, city ordinance was followed and the request was taken up by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Planning and Zoning voted to recommend the annexation to the City Council.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2024-65: Rezoning of property located near the southeast corner of Highway 86 and Jay Drive (Built-Rite)

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho to amend the zoning District Map for certain property within the limits of the City located at the Intersection of Jay Drive and East Highway 86, Neosho, Missouri, as requested by the owner, Built Rite Properties, LLC, Missouri Limited Liability Company, from a District "R-1" First Dwelling House District to a District "C-3" Commercial Business District.

Attorney Sims read Bill No. 2024-65 in title only.

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Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-65; Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

Development Services Director Leavens addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek council approval for the rezoning of property owned by Built-Rite, LLC. as C-3, Commercial Business District. This property is located near the Southeast corner of Highway 86 and Jay Drive. This property is newly annexed into the city. All newly annexed property is brought in as R-1, First Dwelling House District and must be rezoned to an appropriate zone. This request was brought to the Planning and Zoning Committee as prescribed by city ordinance and that committee voted to recommend the C-3 Commercial Business District to the Council.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2024-66: Amending city code 405.250 for Building Inspector access

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, amending Chapter 405 Zoning Regulations, Article IV Administration by amending Section 405.250 Building Permits, to add a new Paragraph G. requiring access for Building Inspector or revocation of permits to the Code of Ordinances.

Attorney Sims read Bill No. 2024-66 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-66; 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 adding section G to city code 405.250, Building Permits, authorizing the city Building Inspector's right of entry to any building or structure to discharge his/her official duties as a condition of the issuance of a building permit. This addition to the ordinance clearly establishes the Building Inspector's right to enter property to discharge his/her official duties. It allows for the permit to be revoked by the Building Inspector if entry is refused.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2024-67 Anthem Health Insurance BCBS Renewal

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing the City of Neosho to enter into an Agreement with Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, for the purpose of offering group health insurance; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Sims read Bill No. 2024-67 in title only.

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Councilman Collinsworth made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-67; Councilwoman Humphrey seconded.

City Clerk Wright addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this item is to seek approval for the 2024/2025 Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Renewal Packet and Summary of Benefits agreements for employee health insurance. Staff have been working with Insurance Benefits Consultants and the Insurance Center to renew the benefits contract with Anthem and have done so at a 9.50% renewal rate. By signing both the renewal packet and the summary of benefits, we agree to the increase and minimal coverage change in benefits.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Bill No. 2024-68: Wageworks, Inc. Section 125 Cafeteria Premium-Only Plan

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Neosho, Missouri, authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with WageWorks, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for the purpose of administering an Amended Section 125 Cafeteria Premium-Only Plan; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

Attorney Sims read Bill No. 2024-68 in title only.

Councilman Cobb made a motion to Approve and Discuss Bill No. 2024-68; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

City Clerk Wright addressed the city council stating that this item is to seek approval for the contract agreement with Wageworks, Inc. Section 125 Cafeteria Premium-Only Plan. This plan is the only means by which an employer can offer employees a choice between taxable and nontaxable benefits. If this plan is not in place, employee benefits would be taxable.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Resolution Bill No. 2024-42: Agreement with D&S Erector LLC for Clarifier Work.

A RESOLUTION of the City of Neosho, Missouri, approving an agreement with D & S Erectors, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of providing Contractor services for the removal, fabrication and replacement of clarifier skirting, as well as weir and weir skim pipe replacement to the City wastewater system for the not to exceed price of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight and 73/100 dollars (\$74,128.73) and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Neosho.

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Attorney Sims read Resolution Bill No. 2024-42 in title only.

Councilwoman Humphrey made a motion to Approve and Discuss Resolution Bill No. 2024-42; Councilman Workman seconded.

Alliance Water Resources Manager, Ken Brady, addressed the city council stating that the purpose of this resolution is to approve the contract with D&S Erectors LLC for the repair and rebuild of the clarifier skirting, weir, and skim pipe for the west clarifier at the Shoal Creek WWTP.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Passed.

Update to FY2025 Budget

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council and updated the council on any changes to the proposed budget that will come before the council for first reading on August 20th, 2024. The general admin fund was updated for training and increased by \$3,000.00. The fire department had a trainee that was bumped up to a salary that he was not yet eligible for and that has been adjusted and updated in the budget. The police phones for voicemail only was adjusted and the clerk's budgeted Ecode project item was originally budgeted for \$15,000 and the clerk was able to negotiate this cost down substantially.

Postage has increased and all line items have been adjusted to reflect this increase. The health insurance was budgeted for a 3% increase, and we have now adjusted this to the 9% increase. There were also some grants that were put into the budget. The energy efficiency grant is being sought to help replace windows at the Kentucky Road Filtration Plant, Fire Station 2 and City Hall. The Fire Department has also submitted a grant request to Newton County Dispatch for a bunker gear cleaner/extractor for Station 2.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Sewer Only Consumption and Rate Update

Finance Director Forest addressed the council updating the council on the residential customer consumption decrease.

2024 Overlay Project

Public Works Director Siler addressed the council and updated them on the overlay project.

Alliance Contract Update

Finance Director Forest addressed the city council regarding the increase received from Alliance Water Resources of 3%. This amount was already projected in the proposed budget.

September 17, 2024 Council Meeting

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City Clerk Wright requested from Council to cancel the September 17, 2024 Council Meeting due to this council meeting falling on the Annual MML Conference that many of the director's are attending. This conference starts on September 15th and ends on September 19th.

By a consensus of council to cancel the September 17th Council Meeting.

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 Robinson seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

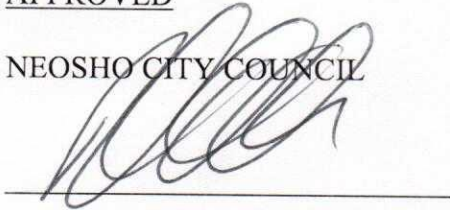
Abstain: None

Passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson adjourned the August 6, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

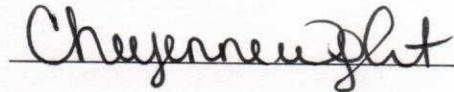
APPROVED

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk

