

**MINUTES**  
**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO**

**OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

William J.P. Doubek gave the opening prayer and Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Carmin Allen; Ben Baker; Tom Workman, William J.P. Doubek, Jon Stephens

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

Steven Hays, City Attorney; Leland Butcher, City Manager; Rachel Holcomb, City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilman Allen and seconded by Councilman Stephens.

Roll call vote:

Carmin Allen - Yes

Ben Baker – Yes

William J.P. Doubek - Yes

Jonathan Stephens - Yes

Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of December 04, 2018- Open Session-was approved as presented.

The minutes of December 04, 2018- Closed Session-was approved as presented.

Motion to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes listed above by Councilman Allen; seconded by Councilman Workman.

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### Roll call vote:

Ben Baker – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek - Yes  
Jonathan Stephens - Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen - Yes

Motion carried.

### **PROCLAMATION**

There was none.

### **VISITOR BUSINESS**

John Humphries

Mr. Humphries addressed Council to discuss the owners of the Big Spring Café. He informed Council that they are very loud and are disrupting the elderly people in the apartment building across the street. He asked Council if they would consider amending the noise disturbance ordinance from changing the time from 1:30am to 10pm.

Shawn Middendorf - Alliance

Mr. Middendorf brought a refund check to the Council from Alliance.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **BID**

#### **Golf Course – Chemicals and Fertilizers**

Bill Mulkey informed Council that one bid was received:

- Greenspro \$38,864.76

Staff recommends council approve the bid from Greenspro for \$38,864.76.

Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the bid from Grand Truck Equipment; Councilman Stephens seconded.

### Roll call vote:

William J.P. Doubek - Yes  
Jonathan Stephens - Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes

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Carmin Allen - Yes  
Ben Baker – Yes

Motion Carried

### **Police Department – Patrol Car Purchase**

David Kennedy informed Council that three bids were received:

- Fletcher Dodge           Charger - \$24,756       Ram Truck - \$26,438
- Carthage Dodge           Charger - \$24,871       Ram Truck - \$25,107
- Lou Fusz Dodge           Charger - \$24,871       Ram Truck – No bid submitted

Staff recommends council approve the bid from Carthage Dodge for 2 Dodge Chargers and 1 Dodge Ram Truck for a total of \$69,349.00 after a \$5,500 trade in allowance.

Councilman Stephens made a motion to approve the bid from Carthage Dodge; Councilman Allen seconded.

#### Roll call vote:

Jonathan Stephens - Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen - Yes  
Ben Baker – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek - Yes

Motion Carried

### **Alarm System**

Rachel Holcomb informed Council that one bid was received from Total Electronics Contracting. This is the second time this has come before Council. The amount would be a onetime set up fee of \$2,355.50 (\$336.50 per building) and a yearly fee of \$1,537. Service costs would be extra.

Councilman Workman made a motion to approve the bid from Total Electronics Contracting; Councilman Stephens seconded.

#### Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen - Yes  
Ben Baker – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek - Yes  
Jonathan Stephens – Yes

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Motion Carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Baker read the letters of correspondence received from the Chamber and MIRMA. He also read a letter of appreciation for Nancy Tomlinson.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Contract with Total Electronics Contracting for Alarm System**

Rachel Holcomb asked Council to approve the contract with Total Electronics Contracting.

Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the contract with Total Electronics Contracting pending the City Attorney approving the contract; Councilman Stephens seconded.

#### Roll call vote:

Carmin Allen - Yes

Ben Baker – Yes

William J.P. Doubek - Yes

Jonathan Stephens - Yes

Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

#### **Hickory Village Project Discussion**

Sam and Debbie Major approached Council with their concerns regarding their construction project on Hickory Street. They would like to know what their next steps are.

Building Inspector Tom Long informed them that they would need to call for an open wall inspection once the electrical work has been done and when everything has been done satisfactorily the stop work order will be lifted.

The Majors asked Council if they would be willing to split the costs with them. They feel the City bears some of the responsibility because of the decisions of the previous building inspector.

Council asked City Attorney Hays what their responsibility would be. Mr. Hays informed Council that there is no need to help compensate when work needs to be redone, but Council could choose to do so. Responsibility is on the contractor to complete the work correctly the first time.

Council made the decision to not set the precedent of funding work that needs to be redone. They encouraged the Majors to call and get an open wall inspection when their electrical reworks are complete.

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### **Annual Maintenance Agreement for Outdoor Warning Sirens**

Mike Eads informed Council that this is the yearly agreement that needs to be signed.

Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the yearly agreement for Outdoor Warning Sirens and allow the Mayor to execute; Councilman Workman seconded.

#### Roll call vote:

Ben Baker – No  
William J.P. Doubek - Yes  
Jonathan Stephens - Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen - Yes

Motion carried.

### **Contract with Newton County Dispatch**

David Kennedy informed Council this is the annual contract with Newton County Dispatch.

Councilman Doubek made a motion to approve the contract with Newton County Dispatch and allow the mayor to execute; Councilman Stephens seconded.

#### Roll call vote:

William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jonathan Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes

Motion carried.

### **Golf Course Equipment Lease**

Bill Mulkey advised that after further examination of this lease he has decided not to lease the equipment. He would rather take out a loan as there will be no property taxes that way. It would be more cost effective. Council advised him to bid loan services and bring back to them.

### **Match Funds for MACOG Disaster Recovery Grant**

Rachel Holcomb advised Council that this grant funding is to do a study along Riverside to see what would be best for that area which is prone to flooding. HSTCC has asked the City of Neosho and NABIFI to each pay \$2,500. This amount will be considered a match. The \$2,500

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will not be paid until the grant application is accepted.

Councilman Doubek made a motion to approve the match of \$2,500 if the grant application is accepted; Councilman Allen seconded.

### Roll call vote:

Jonathan Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen – Yes  
Ben Baker - No  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes

Motion carried.

### **Insurance Plan Options**

Steve Barrata from Ollis, Akers & Arney approached Council with insurance options.

Discussion followed.

Leland Butcher informed Council that he would like to start the precedent of bringing these options to Council for them to approve each year.

Councilman Allen made a motion to accept the insurance plan options from Ollis, Akers & Arney; Councilman Workman seconded.

### Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jonathan Stephens – Yes

Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND VACANIES**

Councilman Doubek made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Will Cook and the letter of interest from Mike Chesnut for the Airport Industrial Development Board, and the letter of interest from David Frisbie for the Board of Adjustments (Zoning); Councilman Allen seconded.

### Roll call vote:

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Carmin Allen – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jonathan Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

### **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

#### **November Financials**

Financials can be found online or with the City Clerk.

#### **Rachel Holcomb – January Council Meeting**

Ms. Holcomb asked for Council's direction about the first meeting in January. It was the consensus of the council to only have the January 15, 2019 meeting.

#### **Tom Workman**

Councilman Workman thanked Sally Pennington for putting the manger scene back at Big Spring Park.

#### **Carmin Allen**

Councilman Allen asked that Ms. Holcomb go ahead and notify the public that the Council will be accepting letters of interest for the council seat that will be vacant with Mayor Baker leaves. It was the consensus of the council for notice to be posted.

#### **Sally Pennington**

Ms. Pennington gave Council the Parks and Receptions quarterly report.

#### **Leland Butcher**

Mr. Butcher informed Council that Billie Mendenhall was the announced at last night's Christmas Party as the City of Neosho's Employee of the Year.

#### **Closed Meeting**

Councilman Allen made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to:

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

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Councilman Stephens seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ben Baker - Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jonathan Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Carmin Allen – Yes

Motion carried

Mayor Baker closed the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:30 p.m. and Mayor Baker announced there was one vote taken.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Baker asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response he asked for a motion to adjourn the December 18, 2018, Regular Session City Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Doubek and seconded by Mayor Baker. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular session meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**