

MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION-FINANCIAL WORK SESSION
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 29, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
203 East Main St., Neosho, MO

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

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT: William J.P. Doubek, Carmin Allen, Jon Stephens, Tom Workman & Angela Thomas

COUNCIL ABSENT:
NONE ABSENT

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: David Kennedy, Interim City Manager; Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk

Financial Work Session

Waste Water

- Ken Brady spoke on the facility maintenance and stated that the Shoal Creek clarifier is 20 years old and they plan to rebuild one of those this year.
- Alliance budgeted for the heaters to be replaced in the shop.
- Requested replacement pumps-one for each lift station.
- Vehicle Maintenance is the same as every year. There are two sludge trucks that they have to keep in good repair.
- UV Maintenance – ballasts are \$1500 a piece
- New portable sewer camera
- New Sampler – use 6 a week and we also need an ice machine for these samplers to keep them cool
- Rotor and gear box rebuild
- Spare pump at Buffalo Lift Station

Filtration

- Ken Brady stated that this involves an annual tower maintenance
- Underground tank inspection at Crowder
- Hawk Certification per DNR
- Filter Valve Replacement
- 2002 Plant Truck needs replaced it's at 203,000 miles

Shawn from Alliance addressed the Council about the cost of continuing with Alliance. This year Alliance will be raising the rate 1.85% from last year's rate. This would make the yearly cost \$1,944,000.00 or \$19,653.22 month

Discussion was held with Shawn and the Council. The Council was very unhappy to hear that

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there are so many issues with Alliance and how they have handled our facilities and yet the rates are being raised again.

By a consensus of the Council this will begrudgingly be added into the budget.

City Clerk

- Presented a program to the Council in regards to City Records Preservation. At this moment no records within the City of Neosho meet the standards for Missouri State Records Preservation. This program would allow us to meet those standards and there are a lot of benefits that go along with it, such as, all documents that are already scanned in as a PDF document will simply be moved over to this program. The contracts and ordinances can be easily shared with other departments. This program's initial cost would be \$5740.00, which includes two departmental computers. This cost also included a scanner, however, we are pretty certain that we can save that cost of \$1150 by purchasing one through Amazon at a cost of around \$500.
- By a consensus of the Council they agreed to the purchase of this program for the City Clerk and the Finance Department.

Additional Costs added to the Budget

- Interim City Manager, David Kennedy addressed Council stating that he would like to add in the following:
 - 2 Police Cars \$45,000
 - Copier from City Hall moved to Waste Water and a new one purchased for City Hall \$7,000
 - Nate Siler, Public Works Director, \$5,000 raise to put him more in line with the other directors.
 - 1% COLA increase \$20,000 (out of General Fund would be \$17,000)

Abbott Trust

- There is \$65,000 in this trust that can either stay within the Trust or do something with.
- The Council decided to pull this amount out and fix the Big Spring Park Bridge to meet ADA Compliance and to also close and fix the bathroom issue at the back of the park.

General Fund

By a consensus of the Council, they agreed on where the budget was at.

With there being no further discussion, Mayor Doubek asked for a motion to go into Closed Session in regards to:

1. Section 610.021 (3) RSMo...Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee of a public governmental body.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to go into closed session; seconded by Councilman Allen.

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Roll Call

Tom Workman – Yes
Councilman Stephens – Yes
Mayor Doubek – Yes
Councilman Allen – Yes
Councilwoman Thomas – Yes

Mayor Doubek closed the Open Session Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session 10:09 p.m. and announced that no votes were taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Doubek asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response, he asked for a motion to adjourn; a motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas; seconded by Councilman Allen; unanimous vote to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Doubek adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

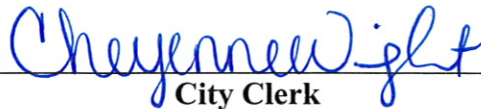
APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk