

**MINUTES**  
**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 06, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO**

**OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jeff Higgans 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:

Ben Baker, Richard Davidson, William J.P. Doubek, Jon Stephens, and Tom Workman

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

Steven Hays, City Attorney; Dana Daniel, Interim City Manager; Rachel Holcomb, City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Doubek made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ben Baker - Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

William J.P. Doubek – Yes

Jon Stephens – Yes

Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda including the minutes and proclamations by Councilman Workman; seconded by Councilman Doubek.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of May 16, 2017-Open Session-was approved as presented.

The minutes of May 16, 2017-Closed Session-was approved as presented.

Roll call vote:

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Richard Davidson – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jon Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes

Motion carried.

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### **Employer of the Month**

Mayor Baker announced that Leah's Borrowed Table is June's Employer of the Month. They will be honored on June 13, 2017.

Mayor Baker presented Alliance, The Neosho Fire Department, The Neosho Police Department, and Public Works with a plaque recognizing the hard work and dedication during the recent flooding.

### **VISITOR BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **BID**

There was none.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Baker read a letter from a Neosho citizen thanking Sergeant Whitehead for helping her through a trying situation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Bill No. 2017-843: Amended State Block Grant Agreement for Airport Paving Project**

Read in title only by Mr. Hays

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEOSHO TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEOSHO AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEALING AND REMARKING RUNWAY 1-19, PARALLEL & CONNECTING TAXIWAYS.....1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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Interim City Manager Dana Daniel explained to Council that this bill would allow us to finalize the payments and close out the project. There has been one change order to add crack sealant materials.

Mayor Baker informed Mr. Daniel that someone he knew recently flew in to the Neosho airport and was very impressed.

Councilman Stephens made a motion to pass Bill No. 2017-843 on first reading; Councilman Workman seconded.

### Roll call vote:

William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jon Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes  
Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

### **Contract for skydivers for Celebrate Neosho 2017**

Paul Richardson asked Council to approve the contract with Skydive Airtight to provide exhibition acts as well as providing the community the opportunity to tandem jump during Celebrate Neosho.

Councilman Workman made a motion to accept the contract with Skydive Airtight contingent upon them accepting a change of venue from Oklahoma courts to Missouri courts; Councilman Stephens seconded.

### Roll call vote:

Jon Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes  
Richard Davidson – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes

Motion carried.

### **Medicalodges Firework Display**

Fire Chief Mike Eads asked Council to approve Medicalodges request to have a fireworks display on June 30, 2017 for their residents. This will also be open to the public.

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Mayor Baker made a motion to approve Medicalodges request to have a fireworks display on June 30, 2017; Councilman Workman seconded.

### Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes  
Ben Baker - Yes  
Richard Davidson – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jon Stephens – Yes

Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

### **Bill Mulkey – Golf Course Superintendent: Golf Course Water Usage**

Bill Mulkey informed Council that in the last 20 years 400 million gallons have been used at the golf course. He is currently looking at ways to conserve water. He feels one reason the golf course uses so much water is that our irrigation system is currently a double row fairway piping instead of today's one row version.

Councilman Davidson said he is concerned because currently we don't budget to use water. With the new regulations it will add up to a \$40,000 bill. He feels legislators need to know this dollar amount being charged to the citizens of Neosho.

### **Daphne Pevahouse – Finance Director: Water and Sewer Rates**

Daphne Pevahouse informed Council that city staff is currently looking at raising the water and sewer rates within the city. Sewer rates have not been raised since 2009 and water rates have not been raised since 2011. Because of our contract with Alliance and with Public Works exchanging meters we are bearing all of the costs. We cannot do this anymore and need to adjust the rates to absorb some of these fees.

Councilman Baker agreed that we cannot keep operating at a loss.

Councilman Davidson advised that during budget time he has asked about this. By waiting this long the increase will be much larger. Even with the increase we will be much lower than most of the cities around.

### **Sally Pennington – Parks and Recreation Direction: Scenic Park Work Day**

Sally Pennington informed Council that we will be working on Scenic Park on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be painting old equipment and placing fencing around the new equipment along with adding mulch.

### **Closed Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Stephens to close the meeting pursuant to

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Section 610.021(1) RSMo...Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Roll call vote:

Ben Baker - Yes  
Richard Davidson – Yes  
William J.P. Doubek – Yes  
Jon Stephens – Yes  
Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Baker closed the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:13 p.m. and Mayor Baker announced there was no 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 June 06, 2017, Regular Session City Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Doubek and seconded by Councilman Stephens. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular session meeting at 9:14 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**