

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 15, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dave Horvath gave the opening prayer and Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilman Doubek and seconded by Councilman Workman. Unanimous vote to approve.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councilman Workman; seconded by Councilman Stephens.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes
William J.P. Doubek - Yes
Jonathan Stephens -Yes

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Tom Workman - Yes
Ben Baker - Yes

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes of July 31, 2017 – Special Open Session – was approved as presented.
The minutes of August 1, 2017- Open Session-was approved as presented.
The minutes of August 1, 2017- Closed Session-was approved as presented.

Motion to approve the above open and closed minutes by Councilman Doubek; seconded by Councilman Stephens.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

There was none.

VISITOR BUSINESS

Dave Horvath wanted to make Council aware that he believes there is a water leak over on the abandoned roads by Crowder.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2017-849 for Ordinance No. 23-2017: Raising Sewer Rates

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECION 705.450, CHAPTER 705: SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR CLASSIFICATION OF USERS AND MONTHLY CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE.2nd and 3rd Reading

Councilman Davidson informed Council that he had heard from a few citizens that said this raise in fees will be tough on them because they are on a fixed income. They understand the need but wish it would have been taken care of yearly instead of waiting so long.

Motion to approve Bill No. 2017-849 for Ordinance No. 23-2017 on 2nd and 3rd Readings by

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Councilman Stephens; seconded by Councilman Workman.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2017-850 for Ordinance No. 24-2017: Raising Water Rates

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 710.180, CHAPTER 710: WATER, OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES-GENERALLY-CLASSIFICATION OF CONSUMERS.2nd and 3rd Reading

Councilman Davidson asked that his comments be repeated for this agenda item.

Motion to approve Bill No. 2017-850 for Ordinance No. 24-2017 on 2nd and 3rd Readings by Councilman Doubek; seconded by Councilman Stephens.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2017-852 for Ordinance No. 26-2017: Budget Amendment

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, PROVIDING THAT THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET BE AMENDED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.....2nd and 3rd Reading

Motion to approve Bill No. 2017-852 for Ordinance No. 26-2017 on 2nd and 3rd Readings by Councilman Doubek; seconded by Councilman Workman.

Roll call vote:

Ben Baker - Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
William J.P. Doubek – Yes

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Jonathan Stephens -Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

BID

Fire Department Bids for Hoses

Fire Chief Mike Eads informed Council that five bids were received:

- NAFECO \$10,107.50
- Feld Fire \$11,378.00
- Sentinel Emergency Solutions \$10,662.23
- Kenco \$10,566.00
- Martin Manuf. \$11,930.00

Staff recommends Council approve the bid from NAFECO for \$10,107.50.

Motion to accept the bid from NAFECO for \$10,107.50 by Councilman Stephens; seconded by Councilman Workman.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion Carried

Parks – Mower Bids

Parks and Recreation Director Sally Pennington informed Council that we received 4 bids:

- Swartz Tractor Sales & Service \$17,388.00
- Kubota \$20,992.00
- John Deere \$19,926.00
- Mower Pro Plus (would not be the exmark brand) \$13,998.00

Staff recommends Council accept the bid from Swartz Tractor Sales & Service for \$17,388.00.

Motion to accept the bid from Swartz Tractor Sales & Service for \$17,388.00 by Councilman Doubek; seconded by Councilman Stephens.

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Roll call vote:

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

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Baker read a letter sent from Terry Telford complimenting the Neosho Golf Course.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing to Consider Property Tax Rates

Mayor Baker opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing.

Bill No. 2017-853: Property Tax Rate

Read in title only by Mr. Hays

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI PROVIDING FOR THE RATE OF TAXATION AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017, UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE.....1st Reading

Mayor Baker made a motion to pass Bill No. 2017-853 contingent upon decreasing the property tax rate by 1% (.3639 to .3603) on first reading; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2017-853 for Ordinance No. 27-2017: Property Tax Rates

Read in title only by Mr. Hays

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI PROVIDING FOR THE RATE OF TAXATION AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017, UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE....2nd and 3rd Reading.

Councilman Doubek made a motion to pass Bill No. 2017-853 for Ordinance No. 27-2017 on ~~first reading~~ second and third reading; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2017-854: Personal Financial Disclosure

Read in title only by Mr. Hays

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO REPORT PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.....1st Reading

Councilman Doubek made a motion to pass Bill No. 2017-854 on first reading; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

City Representative for the Big Spring Plaza CID Board

City Clerk Rachel Holcomb advised Council that Richard Davidson asked permission to represent the City of Neosho on the CID Board as a private citizen, not as a councilman.

Councilman Workman made a motion to allow Richard Davidson to represent the City of Neosho on the Big Spring Plaza CID Board as a private citizen, not as a councilman; Councilman Doubek seconded.

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Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Potential Morse Park Addition

Interim City Manager Dana Daniel advised Council that he had received a letter from Mr. Keezer about the City purchasing his property in the middle of Morse Park. The appraisal showed the land was worth \$14,900, but Mr. Keezer felt it was worth \$50,000.

Mr. Keezer addressed Council.

Councilman Davidson said he had some ideas that would need to be discussed in closed.

It was the consensus of the Council to discuss this in closed at a later date.

Recycle Center Commodity Purchase/Removal Contract

Interim City Manager brought forth the contract with Midwest Fibre and asked Council approve the Mayor to execute.

Councilman Doubek made a motion to approve the contract with Midwest Fibre and allow the mayor to execute; Councilman Stephens seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Roughrider Rodeo Donation

Communications and Events Director Paul Richardson asked Council to consider giving \$2,000 for this event as they have in the past.

Karen Fink addressed the Council.

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Mayor Baker made a motion to approve the donation of \$2,000 to the Crowder College Roughrider Rodeo; Councilman Doubek seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND VACANIES

Councilman Doubek made a motion to approve

- The reappointment of Tamie Williams to the Neosho Newton County Library Board
- The reappointment of Jordan Paul to the Planning and Zoning Board
- The reappointment of Julie Kruze to the Planning and Zoning Board

; Councilman Workman seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Daphne Pevahouse – Finance Director: July Financials

Ms. Pevahouse reviewed July financials. Financials can be found online or with the City Clerk.

Closed Meeting

Motion was made by Mayor Baker and seconded by Councilman Stephens 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 a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

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Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried

Mayor Baker closed the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:31 p.m. and Mayor Baker announced there were no votes 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 August 15, 2017, Regular Session City Council meeting.

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

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk