

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
July 30, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
The Civic Center
109 West Main St., Neosho, MO**

A quorum being present, Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT: Charles Collinworth, Richard Davidson, Steve Hart, David Ruth, Tom Workman.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: Troy Royer, City Manager and Nora Houdyshell, City Clerk.
Mike Eads, Fire Chief; Daphne Pevahouse, Finance Director; David McCracken, Police Chief;
Mike Hightower, Public Works; Pam Baker, Human Resources Director; Amy Moritz, Parks and
Recreation Director; Maron Towse, Golf Course Superintendent and Dana Daniel, Development
Services Director.

Financial Work Session

Mayor Davidson announced this is to discuss the upcoming fiscal year budget and would like to stop discussions at 8:00 p.m. He then turned the floor to City Manager Royer.

Mr. Royer reviewed the FY14 Summary of fund balance, revenues and expenditures along with budgets for the General Administration, City Clerk, Lampo Community Center, Development Services, Recycle Center, Police, Municipal Court, Information Technology, Fleet Maintenance, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Airport, Fire Sales Tax, Safer Grant, Drainage Sales Tax, Parks Sales Tax and Park Recreation.

City Council along with City Staff engaged in discussions including but not limited to, the following:

1. Budgeting conservatively with no sales tax revenue increase
2. No raises for City employees with the exception of the Police Department.
3. Councilman Hart and Councilman Workman voiced concerns regarding monies being transferred from Parks Sales Tax to Golf Course. Mr. Royer stated after transfer the Parks fund would still maintain a 90 day reserve.
4. Mr. Royer stated Sandy Brumback's salary is divided over facilities that she cleans.
5. Lampo Maintenance budget for repairs.
6. Development Services budget increased due to vehicle repairs and improvement projects such as Spring Street and Hatchery Trail.

Mayor Davidson announced last year the City employee salaries were raised as determined by fair market with the exception of the Police Department which had to be done in two phases.

7. The Police Department's budget increased due to second phase of raises along with two full time employees and two replacement vehicles.
8. Municipal Court budget has increased due to training and supplies.
9. Concerns voiced regarding the loss of the Safer Grant, covering the additional firemen salaries and Fire District agreement/services.
10. Drainage and Parks sales tax split is 60% Parks and 40% Drainage.
11. Slight increase in Parks Recreation budget due to ADA compliant ramp for Big Spring Park wading pool.

Councilman Hart and Councilman Ruth voiced concerns regarding the expense of the ADA ramp for the wading pool. Discussion followed. Mayor Davidson halted further discussion until the City Attorney clarified the requirements.

Mayor Davidson announced the budget work session would continue at 6:00 p.m. before the City Council meeting on August 6th at the Council Chambers.

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ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Collinworth to adjourn the July 30, 2013, Special Session City Council meeting. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Davidson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk