

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
June 17, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Aaron Decker gave the opening prayer and Mayor Pro Tempore Collinsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, Mayor Pro Tempore Collinsworth called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Charles Collinsworth
Steve Hart

David Ruth
Tom Workman

BY PHONE:

Richard Davidson

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

Steven Hays, City Attorney
Troy Royer, City Manager
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
Dana Daniel, Director of Economic Development
Amy Moritz, Parks Director
Maron Towse, Golf Course Manager

AMENDED AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Collinsworth stated the agenda shall be amended to move item number four under new business, Resolution Bill No. 2014-03 to item number one under new business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda as amended and the consent agenda including the minutes and proclamation by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart.

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes of June 3, 2014, Regular Session was approved as presented.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Pro Tempore Collinsworth presented the following proclamation to the Missouri Military Order of the Purple Heart Department Representatives, John Dismer, Paul Weeks and Bryce Lockwood.

WHEREAS, the Neosho City Council and our surrounding community have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

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WHEREAS, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities, and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our country have received the Purple Heart medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Neosho seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Neosho City Council desire to proclaim the City of Neosho, Missouri, to be a Purple Heart City honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charles Collinsworth, Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Neosho, do hereby proclaim the City of Neosho as a Purple Heart City, and call upon all citizens to recognize and support the City of Neosho becoming a Purple Heart City.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City, in the City of Neosho, this 17th day of June, 2014.

/s/ Charles Collinsworth, Mayor Pro Tempore

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Kevin VanStory – Water Billing

Mr. VanStory reminded council of his visit before council regarding his water bill in the amount of \$1,241 for a one person office. He stated that City Manager Royer adjusted it but was still over \$700. Mr. VanStory stated that his April bill was \$11 and May was \$18.31. He requested the council make an exception for him and offer relief for all or a portion of the remainder of the bill. He also accused the City of not applying a \$220 payment to his account.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2014-621...Providing that the revenues and expenditures budget be amended for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014...2nd and 3rd Reading. (City Clerk)

Bill No. 2014-621 for Ordinance No. 25-2014 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2014-621 on second and third readings by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Ruth

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – No
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2014-620...Providing that the revenues and expenditures budget be amended for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014...2nd and 3rd Reading. (Public Works-Streets)

Bill No. 2014-620 for Ordinance No. 24-2014 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2014-620 on second and third readings by Councilman Ruth and seconded by Councilman Hart

Roll call vote:

Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2014-622...Providing that the revenues and expenditures budget be amended for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014...2nd and 3rd Reading. (Public Works-Water Distribution)

Bill No. 2014-622 for Ordinance No. 26-2014 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2014-622 on second and third readings by Councilman Ruth and seconded by Councilman Workman

Roll call vote:

David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes

Motion carried.

Consideration to direct City Attorney to prepare ordinance to place Occupational Tax issue on the November 2014 ballot.

Mr. Troy Royer, City Manager reviewed the request for the occupation tax for New Mac to be placed on the November ballot. He also stated that the estimated current amount that would be collected based on Neosho residents that are New Mac customers would be \$464 per month or \$5,500 to \$6,000 per year.

Mayor Davidson reminded council this is approving the language to be written but an ordinance would be brought to council for a first, second and third reading for approval.

Mr. Royer stated that this would not affect Empire Electric customers and that New Mac is in support of this.

City Attorney Hays confirmed with City Clerk the certification deadline is August 26th.

Motion to direct City Attorney to draft election language ballot to be certified before August 26th to collect Section 394 utility service in City of Neosho by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Ruth

Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson - Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes

Motion carried.

BID

The following bid recommendations were presented for consideration.

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Motion to accept bid as presented in the total amount of \$17,257.17 by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Ruth

Mayor Pro Tempore Collinsworth confirmed the budgeted amount covered the expense.

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

Public Works – Automated Meter Reading System

Mike Hightower, Public Works Director, informed the council there were four bids solicited with one bid received. He explained that currently the meter readers retrieve a number, write it on paper then those numbers are transferred by into the system. He stated that this system would be a touch pad and be sent straight to city hall which should cut down on human error entry.

The following bids were received by:

Bob Westmoreland	\$154,060.00
Olathe, KS	

No Bids received from Mueller Systems, Ferguson Water Works and Utility Solutions

Mr. Hightower further explained the majority of the meters are Sensus which will make the conversion much easier. He stated the amount of \$154,060 includes 500 new meters and 700 Pit Smart Point radios. City Staff stated the completed conversion should take approximately eight (8) years.

Councilman Hart inquired if this would notify employees of big hikes in usage wherein Mr. Hightower stated there would be an alarm flagging larger usage.

Mr. Hightower stated staff would then notify the land owner for better customer service.

Discussion continued

Motion to accept bid to approve and accept bid #2 with HD Supply in the amount of \$154,060 with a project completion date between five to eight years by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Ruth

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Bill No. 2014-03...Authorizing the offering for sale of approximately \$4,000,000 of refunding certificates of participation to refinance certain of the City's outstanding lease purchase obligations.

Resolution Bill No. 2014-03 for Resolution 145-2014 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to adopt Resolution Bill No. 2014-03 by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart

Mr. Jack Dillingham from Piper Jaffrey introduced Ms. Toni Stegeman from Gilmore & Bell then reviewed a prepared handout itemized below:

REFINANCING PLAN

- S&P "A" rated (expected rating), Refunding Certificates of Participation in the approximate amount of \$3,895,000*.
- Refinancing the Tax-Exempt Series 2007A and Taxable Series 2010 Certificates of Participation (COP) maturing 2015-20027.
- Average interest rate of COP being refinanced is 4.84%
- Estimated true interest cost (TIC) of "A" rated refunding issue is 2.78%
- Estimated Savings:

Total Net Debt Service Savings	\$366,000
Net Present Value (PV) Savings	\$271,000
Net PV Savings as a percentage of Refunded COPs	7%

*Approximate

Mayor Davidson thanked Mr. Dillingham for notifying the city of this and gave special thanks to City Manager Troy Royer and Finance Director Daphne Pevahouse.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote:

- Steve Hart – Yes
- David Ruth – Yes
- Tom Workman - Yes
- Charles Collinsworth – Yes
- Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2014-623...Providing that the revenues and expenditures budget be amended for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014...1st Reading (Wastewater-Assistant Public Works Director)

Bill No. 2014-623 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2014-623 on first reading by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

City Manager Royer stated this was drawn for an Assistant to the Public Works Director. He then announced that since this had been prepared, Mr. Hightower put the City on notice of his retirement with one month notice.

Councilman Ruth stated concerns regarding the additional amount budgeted for the Assistant Public Works Director when that will no longer be needed.

Discussion continued.

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After withdrawing his original motion, Councilman Workman made a motion to approve Bill No. 2014-623 on first reading as amended to name Public Works Director instead of Assistant Public Works Director and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth.

Roll call vote:

David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2014-624...Accepting and approving the Re-Plat of the Greens Subdivision, A Subdivision of the City of Neosho, Newton County, Missouri...1st Reading

Bill No. 2014-624 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Mr. Dana Daniel reviewed plat with council.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2014-624 on first reading by Councilman Ruth and seconded by Councilman Hart

Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson - Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2014-625...Providing that the revenues and expenditures budget be amended for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014...1st Reading (Wastewater)

Bill No. 2014-625 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Mr. Hightower reviewed budget amendment.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2014-625 on first reading by Councilman Hart and seconded by Councilman Ruth

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

Consider approval of fireworks display for Medicalodges event.

Fire Chief Mike Eads informed council, present for the meeting is Carmen Williams, Director of Medicalodge who is requesting the city grant permission for them to shoot fireworks on June 27th for their annual event in the field across the street on Crowder College property.

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Motion to approve fireworks for the Medicalodge event by Councilman Hart and seconded by Councilman Ruth

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Motion carried.

Consider approval of Leads on Line service Power Plus renewal.

Police Chief McCracken reviewed the renewal for service.

Motion to approve Leads on Line Services renewal by Councilman Hart and seconded by Councilman Workman

Roll call vote:

Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes

Motion carried.

Consider approval of Visu-Sewer Change Order #2 for 2013 Sewer Rehab.

Public Works Director Hightower explained the change order for sewer rehab reducing the amount by \$11,955.50 which makes the new contract amount \$194,649.50.

Motion to approve Visu-Sewer Change Order #2 and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart

Roll call vote:

David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes

Motion carried.

Consider authorizing the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) disbursement request.

Mr. Dana Daniel stated this is for reimbursement for the paving of a parking lot on Wood Street and repaving of two alleyways near the downtown area.

Motion to approve disbursement request from Missouri Development Finance Board and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart

Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson - Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes

Motion carried.

Consider approval of the Irrevocable Consent Agreement for property located at 13692 Palm Road.

Mr. Daniel explained the request for Irrevocable Consent for property that is not currently contiguous with city limits. He further stated their request for city water will not require utilities to be extended as there is a water line in front of their property.

Motion to approve the Irrevocable Consent Agreement and allow connection to city water by Councilman Hart and seconded by Councilman Workman

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Technical Difficulties
Steve Hart – Yes
David Ruth – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

City Manager Troy Royer – Visitor Business Response

Mr. Royer stated that Mrs. Pevahouse check on the \$220 payment Mr. VanStory stated was not applied to his account and she confirmed the payment was received on the 28th and applied on the 28th.

Mr. Wes Franklin – Events Coordinator/Public Relations

Mr. Franklin reviewed the planned events of the Celebrate Neosho being held on June 28th along with naming the business and/or individuals who donated funds or supplies.

Councilman Collinsworth stated appreciation for all of Mr. Franklin's hard work for making this event a success.

Mr. Wes Franklin – Farmer's Market

Mr. Franklin stated he is working with a group that will bring back a Farmer's Market in Neosho.

Mrs. Daphne Pevahouse, Finance Director – Budget and Financials

Mrs. Pevahouse reviewed financials and stated the departments have started working on their budgets.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tempore Collinsworth asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response he asked for a motion to adjourn the June 17, 2014, Regular Session City Council meeting.

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Motion to adjourn by Councilman Ruth and seconded by Councilman Hart. Unanimous vote to adjourn by consensus.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the closed meeting at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

City Clerk