

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 26, 2014 - 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 Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Tom Workman

ABSENT: Steve Hart, David Ruth

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: Troy Royer, City Manager and Nora Houdyshell, City Clerk. Mike Eads, Fire Chief; David McCracken, Police Chief; David Kennedy, Lieutenant; Duane Linch, Water/Wastewater; Ryan Long, Streets Department; Amy Moritz, Parks and Recreation Director; Maron Towse, Golf Course Superintendent and Dana Daniel, Economic Development Services Director; Wes Franklin, Events Coordinator/Public Relations.

Financial Work Session

Mayor Davidson gave opening statement then turned the floor to City Manager Royer to review revisions.

City Manager Royer reviewed the summary which included the following:

- The General Administration Fund increased in the amount of \$3,929.00 due to the 2% increase in city council employee salaries. (i.e. City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk) which already reflected the 2% increase for the remaining city staff and an increase in the amount of \$65,000.00 for professional services line item due to current lawsuits against the City and staff.
- The Police Department Fund increased in the amount of \$70,130.00 to include one full time employee and one police vehicle.
- The Parks Fund increased in the amount of \$34,000.00 for a new mower which will be shared with the Golf Course to mow the Lakes and transfer for Big Spring Park Bluegrass & BBQ Festival.
- The Water Admin, Water/WW Filtration and Streets Funds have been revised due to organizational changes. Mr. Royer proposed not replacing the former Public Works Director and placing Ryan Long as Director of Streets and Duane Lynch as Director of Water/Wastewater Filtration.

City Manager Royer noted the employee earned leave is within the allowable policy limits reporting a potential liability in the amount of \$50,279.85.

Mr. Royer stated when the 2006A debt is callable in 2016 the payoff amount is estimated to be \$575,000.00. He further stated in 2020 when the 2012 debt is callable, the payoff is estimated to be in the amount of \$305,000.00.

Discussion was held regarding TIF funds being used to make improvements to maintain water pressure along the 86 corridor should there be further development. Mr. Royer stated the City should take a proactive approach to placing utilities in future development areas to attract incoming developers.

Mr. Duane Lynch supported Mr. Royer's statement to be proactive in preparing utilities ahead of developer or community needs.

Discussion continued.

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City Manager Royer stated over the past two years, he and Mr. Daniel have attended TAC meetings in conjunction with the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Counsel wherein the Old 71 and 86 Highways MoDOT maintenance project has been moved to number one priority on the list. To add a street light to this location, Mr. Royer stated they would continue to follow-up with MoDOT on this project.

After discussion with Mayor Davidson, City Manager Royer stated the project in which the City obligated \$100,000.00 to be paid from the TIF is not a Transportation Development District priority. Therefore, the money will be budgeted accordingly per the City's contractual obligations.

Discussion followed.

Motion to accept drafted budget with revisions and direct City Manager to finalize for first reading at the September 2nd meeting made by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Workman

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mayor Davison asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response he asked for a motion to adjourn the August 26, 2014, Special Session City Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the closed meeting at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk