

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 4, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
203 East Main St., Neosho, MO**

A quorum being present, Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT: Charles Collinworth, Richard Davidson, Steve Hart (Arrived at 6:42 p.m.), Tim Lewis, Tom Workman

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: Troy Royer, City Manager and Nora Houdyshell, City Clerk.

Financial Work Session

Mayor Davidson announced this was a budget work session for the fiscal year 2016 wherein each department's budget will be presented then turned the floor over to City Manager Royer.

City Manager Royer handed out a spreadsheet outlining revenue for current property tax collected and estimates with less property tax collected then recommended the council reduce the property tax by 7.5%.

Current Rate	\$430,902.05
-2.50%	\$421,129.50
-5%	\$409,356.94
-7.5%	\$398,534.39

The proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget was reviewed from Page 1 through Page 36. Discussion held, including but not limited to the following:

- Golf Course debt is callable this next year;
- Personnel is increased by two full time employees;
- Earned leave balances;
- General Fund Legal Services is decreased by \$50,000.00
- Maintain a 116 day reserve
- Added Communications and Events Fund
- Police Department budget includes two new vehicles, implementing a body camera program, evidence program and taser replacement;
Mayor Davidson inquired as to grants to assist with the purchase of body cameras wherein Chief Kennedy stated the City does not qualify due to minimum staff requirements of 25.
- Emergency Management increased to include a part-time employee and a voice activated siren;
- Airport budget includes grant match for pavement and taxiway maintenance as well as a new self serve gas pump;
- Fire Department budget reflects salary increases.

City Manager Royer stated all Directors are working to provide a five year capital plan to present with future budgets.

(Councilman Steve Hart arrived at 6:42 p.m.)

Discussion held regarding the Hale McGinty drain issues wherein Mr. Royer stated this issue will be fixed during the TDD project.

Council stated appreciation towards staff for a job well done on maintaining the ditches to assist in alleviating flooding issues as well as offering leaf pickup.

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ADJOURN

Mayor Davidson declared the August 4, 2015, special session meeting to be adjourned.

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

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Davidson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk