MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 10, 2015 - 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 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT: Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, Tim Lewis, Tom Workman

ABSENT: Steve Hart

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

Financial Work Session

Mayor Davidson reminded council and staff the review of the proposed budget will start with the Parks Department on page 37 then turned the floor over to City Manager Royer.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget was reviewed from Page 37 through its entirety. Discussion held, including but not limited, to the following:

Parks Budget:
- Morse Park bathrooms are being repaired and looking to add stainless steel fixtures in all parks facilities;
- Add fire pits at the RV park;
- Increased transfer to the golf course.

Streets Budget:
- Signal upgrades at Industrial and Clemons intersecting with 59 and Jefferson and Spring Street;
- Gates at Public Works facility.

Discussion held regarding lighting upgrades for The Civic facility as well as expenditures of TIF funds.

City Manager Royer handed Council documentation from Alliance Water Resources explaining the effect to the budget if Council approved Alliance taking over the utilities for the City.

Mr. Royer stated the overall effect to the budget should Council approve a 1% COLA would be a total of $46,845.00.

Discussion held regarding the property tax rates, proposed projects of sales tax and employee COLA's.

Motion to amend the budget to include a 10% property tax reduction, a 1% COLA to all employees and adjust the 2016 sales tax projects to be a flat rate equivalent to Fiscal Year 2015 ending balance made by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Workman.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Council stated gratitude towards all departments for a great budget and their hard work.

Councilman Workman recommended raising part time employee's base pay.

ADJOURN

Mayor Davidson declared the August 10, 2015, special session meeting to be adjourned.

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

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Davidson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED: **NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk