MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
August 18, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Doug Houdyshell gave the opening prayer and Mayor Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:
Charles Collinsworth; Richard Davidson; Timothy Lewis; Tom Workman

ABSENT:
Steve Hart

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:
Steven Hays, City Attorney; Troy Royer, City Manager; Nora Houdyshell, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes of August 4, 2015, Regular and Closed Sessions and August 4 and August 10, 2015, Special Sessions was approved as presented.

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Derek Snyder – EEZ

Mr. Snyder stated concerns regarding the County/City Enhanced Enterprise Zone that was brought to his attention during the process of establishing tax abatement procedures on behalf of his client, Davco Enterprises. He stated the County Assessor provides the assessment for the abatement value. Mr. Snyder stated his client's intent was to obtain abatement strictly from the County and not the City. He noted his client would like to enter into a Pilot agreement so the city would not lose revenue. He encouraged the City to pursue and clarify what happens to the abatements should the EEZ expire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

BID

Development Services – GIS System with approval of agreement

Mr. John Harrington, Code Enforcer/Safety Officer reviewed the many benefits of the GIS system being proposed for approval including, but not limited to, the following:

- Mapping all infrastructure of the City in real time. (Water/Sewer lines)
- More accurate zoning map for citizens to view online
- Citizen friendly use to show property lines and flood zones
- Customize for developers to view
- Mobile Applications
- Upload instant photos for maintenance of lines

Discussion followed.

Motion to approve the agreement between the City of Neosho and Midland GIS Solutions and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Lewis

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Public Relations/Events Coordinator – Fall Festival Inflatable Rides

Mr. Franklin reviewed bids presented for fall festival inflatable rides and recommended council accept Option 1 from New Maccaroo in the amount of $4,486.

Motion to approve bid as presented in the amount of $4,486.00 by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Workman

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Davidson announced content of correspondence:
IRC Manager, LLC – Affordable Senior Housing Rehabilitation Project
Retirement Reception for Neosho/Newton County Library Director, Ginny Ray

NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing providing for the rate of taxation and the levy and collection of taxes for real property assessment for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2016.

Mayor Davidson opened the floor for public comment. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Davidson closed the public hearing.

Bill No. 2015-684...Providing for the rate of taxation and the levy and collection of taxes for real property assessment for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2016...1st Reading.

Bill No. 2015-684 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-684 on first reading by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

City Manage Royer reviewed bill noting the property tax has been reduced 10%.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2015-684...Providing for the rate of taxation and the levy and collection of taxes for real property assessment for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2016...2nd & 3rd Readings...under emergency measure.

Bill No. 2015-684 for Ordinance No. 37-2015 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-684 on second and third readings by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Workman

Mayor Davidson stated there is a deadline for receipt by County Clerk therefore this will be considered under emergency measure.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2015-685...Declaring certain personal property as surplus and setting forth the method for disposing of same...1st Reading. (Police Department)

Bill No. 2015-685 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-685 on first reading by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Lewis

Police Chief Kennedy stated this is to surplus three patrol cars.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Bill No. 2015-03…Notifying the Council of the destruction of City records.

Resolution Bill No. 2015-03 for Resolution 153-2015 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to adopt Resolution Bill No. 2015-03 by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

City Clerk Houdyshell stated this is to advise council for the destruction of records that have met retention.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval of agreement with Newton County.

City Clerk Houdyshell stated the agreement authorizes the County to collect the real property tax on behalf of the city for a percentage as outlined by State Statute.

Motion to approve annual tax agreement between the City of Neosho and Newton County and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval of letter of support as requested by IRC Manager, LLC.

Mr. Daniel, Economic Development Director reviewed request for support letter.

Motion to approve letter of support as presented as requested by IRC Manager, LLC on behalf of Lane Apartments and authorize Mayor to execute 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.

Consider approval of City Code Section 600.050 request for variance.

Motion to approve variance on Spring Street from Jefferson Street to Wood Street and Wood Street from Spring Street to McCord Street to Civic from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, September 26, 2015, by Councilman Workman and seconded by Mayor Davidson

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes
Timothy Lewis – Yes
Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinsworth - No

Motion carried.

Mayor Davidson stated absent object, the motion will be perfected to include the City-owned parking lot as presented. No objection by City Council was revealed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

City Manager – Attorney Fees

Mr. Royer reported attorney fees for the lawsuits filed by Mr. Ruth and Councilman Hart total $30,846.40.

City Manager – TDD Ballot

Mr. Royer announced the TDD Ballot has been turned into the Circuit Clerk.

City Manager – Budget FY 2016 Revisions

Mr. Royer stated after the last budget workshop it was discussed to a lot employees a 2% COLA which the budget now reflects.

City Manager – Clear Path easement estimates

Mr. Royer stated the estimate Mr. Linch provided in the amount of $40,000.00 to $165,000.00 for Clear Path easements were not accurate according to discussions with the engineers who are estimating the sewer extension to range from $229,000.00 to $300,000.00. He further stated the estimated amount may vary as Mr. Foster is refusing to provide the city easement.

City Manager – Missouri Sugars

Mr. Royer reported city staff hit an electrical line at Missouri Sugars and recommended allowing City Manager to expend funds in the amount of $8,334.00 for repair.

Finance Director – Financials

Mrs. Pevahouse gave an overview of the Financials reporting sales tax is up 2% over August last year.

Economic Development Director – John Harrington Honor

Mr. Daniel reported to council that Mr. John Harrington has been recognized by the International Code Council as a recipient of the Emerging Leader Code of Honor and provided a scholarship to participate in the 2015 Public Comment Hearings in Long Beach, CA.

Economic Development Director – Recycle Center Forklift

Mr. Daniel sated as questioned during the budget workshops, the amount to lease a forklift for the Recycle Center is ranging from $450.00 to $600.00 per month.

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 18, 2015, Regular Session City Council meeting.

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

Mayor Davidson adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: **NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk