

MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
September 1, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Eugene Tindall 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; Steve Hart; Timothy Lewis; Tom Workman

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 Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Steve Hart – Yes

Timothy Lewis – Yes

Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes of August 18, 2015, Regular Session; August 18, 2015, and August 27, 2015, Special Session and August 27, 2015, Closed Session was approved as presented.

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Eldon Morgan – Senior Center

Mr. Morgan thanked Economic Development Services Director, Dana Daniel for his extra efforts at the Senior Center while the facility was understaffed.

Mr. John Mills – Civic Lighting Project

Mr. Mills encouraged the city council to take a positive approach regarding the lighting improvements at The Civic Center and approve the agenda item to be presented later this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2015-685...Declaring certain personal property as surplus and setting forth the method for disposing of same...2nd and 3rd Reading. (Police Department)

Bill No. 2015-685 for Ordinance No. 38-2015 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-685 on second and third readings by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

BID

Golf Course – Triplex Mower Reels

Mr. Bill Mulkey, Golf Course Superintendant reviewed the reason for the repairs and noted there is one Toro dealer for this region that maintains the parts.

Councilman Hart confirmed it was budgeted for.

Motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$7,145.41 for repairs to the Toro Triplex mower by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Public Relations/Events Coordinator – Civic Lighting

Mr. Wes Franklin informed the council there were two bids submitted for replacing the halogen lights with LED at The Civic Center which would save the city energy and maintenance expenses. He recommended council approve the bid from Comprehensive Facility Services operating out of Anderson, Mo. He explained they included the entire facility in their bid which encompassed more of the facility than required in the bids specifications and were the low bidder in the amount of \$45,603.96.

Councilman Workman stated concerns regarding the City's current relationship with Mr. Tom Long with Long Electric and pointed out he was a local vendor.

Discussion followed.

Motion to accept bid as presented by staff and award to Comprehensive Facility Services in the amount of \$45,603.96 by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Lewis.

Council Minutes – September 1, 2015

Roll call vote:

Timothy Lewis – Yes
Tom Workman – No
Charles Collinworth - Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes

Motion carried.

Councilman Hart noted he received calls regarding the repair of the sidewalk in front of The Civic.

City Manager Royer stated city staff has begun sidewalk repairs fixing the worse first.

Public Works – FY2015 Sensus Meters

Mr. Ryan Long, Public Works Director informed council this is to purchase 381 meters out of the approximate 5400 meters within the City and noted they came in below the amount budgeted for purchase.

Mayor Davidson encouraged staff to accelerate the replacement process even if that means outsourcing.

Discussion followed.

Motion to approve the purchase of meters from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$107,105.00 by Councilman Collinworth and seconded by Councilman Hart.

Roll call vote:

Tom Workman – Yes
Charles Collinworth – Yes
Richard Davidson - Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
Timothy Lewis – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Works – Dump Truck

Mr. Long stated the need for a dump truck wherein three bids were submitted with two responding. He recommended council approve the bid from Summit Trucks International in the amount of \$76,708.46. He explained this was original budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget but was cut due to meeting reserve requirements. Mr. Long stated there is money in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget to cover the purchase.

Motion to accept bid from Summit Trucks International in the amount of \$76,708.46 by Councilman Collinworth and seconded by Councilman Workman.

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinworth – Yes
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
Timothy Lewis – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing regarding adoption of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

Bill No. 2015-686...Adopting the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget...1st Reading.

Bill No. 2015-686 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-686 on first reading by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

Mr. Royer stated in fulfillment of Article V of the Neosho City Charter, he is submitting the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for approval. Due to the possible approval of the Alliance Agreement being presented later in this meeting, he noted, there will be a revision made before the 2nd and 3rd reading with a net effect change in the Water/Wastewater Budget increasing expenses in the amount of \$67,000.00.

Mayor Davidson stated appreciation to City Manager Royer and Finance Director Mrs. Pevahouse for the smooth budget process this year. He further congratulated Mrs. Pevahouse for seeking additional certifications and caring about her job.

City Manager Royer stated appreciation to the Directors and all employees for working hard to stay within their budgets and maintaining a team spirit.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval of the Alliance Water Resources Agreement.

Mr. Royer reviewed the meetings leading up to the agreement being presented for Alliance Water Resources. He affirmed that Alliance will manage the water treatment and wastewater facilities while the city maintains ownership. He noted the current city employees for those facilities will now be Alliance employees. Mr. Royer stated the agreement price is in the amount of \$995,808.00, locked in for the first two years of the three-year agreement. He reminded council this will increase the budget by \$67,000.00.

Mayor Davidson confirmed with City Manager Royer that he is on board with this agreement.

Councilman Lewis stated concerns regarding current city employees that are vested in Lagers and how their retirement will be affected.

Mr. Royer explained out of the 12 employees, five are vested in Lagers. He explained the employees will not lose their Lagers benefit and Human Resource Director Holtz is in communications with Lagers in hopes of obtaining more information to provide the employees pertaining to their options.

Councilman Collinsworth stated he knows several of the employees personally and hopes they take the time to see what Alliance can offer them.

Council Minutes – September 1, 2015

Councilman Workman stated concerns regarding city employees' health benefits and pay with transitioning to becoming Alliance employees.

Sandy Neal with Alliance stated there are three benefit packages to choose from with the only difference in fees being, the employee will have a fee of \$26.00 per month and according to discussion with Mr. Royer, the family plan with Alliance seems to be \$10.00 less the city family plan.

Councilman Workman confirmed with Alliance representatives the current city employees will move laterally and not lose tenure.

Mr. Royer stated the City is required to pay the accrued comp and vacation time to employees that will no longer be with the City.

Discussion followed.

Motion to approve agreement between the City of Neosho and Alliance Water Resources and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Hart and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval of KPM Engagement Letter.

Mr. Royer reminded council the annual auditing services were awarded to KPM and as a part of this process; the city must sign an engagement letter outlining their responsibilities, objectives and fees.

Motion to approve KPM audit engagement letter and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval of Fireworks Display for the Neosho Football Homecoming activities.

Fire Chief Eads stated the Neosho All School Reunion committee is requesting permission for a fireworks show during the Neosho High School Homecoming Football game.

Discussion followed.

Motion to approve request from the Neosho All School Reunion Committee for fireworks during the Homecoming Football game as requested by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart

Council Minutes – September 1, 2015

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval for the American Media Investments, Inc. Radio Tower renewal.

Fire Chief Eads stated this is the annual renewal for the north radio repeater located on NN Highway at Jute Road with no revisions or increase in fee.

Motion to authorize invoice in the amount of \$1,980.00 to be paid and authorize Mayor to execute agreement as presented by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Lewis

Roll call vote:

Charles Collinsworth – Abstain
Richard Davidson – Yes
Steve Hart – Yes
Timothy Lewis – Yes
Tom Workman - Yes

Motion carried.

Consider approval for purchase of Secure View Mobile Forensics Software.

Police Chief Kennedy stated Secure View Forensics Software is used for collection and evidence data from cellular devices and has a deadline to submit request to apply for grant of September 25th.

City Manager Royer stated the Police Department is currently taking equipment to Joplin.

Motion to authorize Police Chief to apply for Secure View Forensics Software Grant as requested by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider acceptance of two Police Department Grants.

Police Chief stated the City has been awarded two grants from the Missouri Department of Transportation for enforcement of driving while intoxicated in the amount of \$3,780.00 and hazardous moving violations in the amount of \$3,685.00. He stated these grants require no matching funds and will pay for overtime costs.

Motion to approve and accept grants as presented and authorize Mayor to execute by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart

Council Minutes – September 1, 2015

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

City Manager Troy Royer – Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council – Housing Study

Mr. Royer reviewed the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council's Housing Study previously emailed to council. He highlighted a few of the following facts:

- Neosho vacant housing units is at 6.6%. The State average is 13%;
- Majority of house values fall between \$50,000.00 to \$99,000.00;
- 25% of house values range between \$100,000.00 to \$149,900;
- Households who rent spent on average \$557.00 per month on housing related expenses;
- The most undesirable dwellings were the loft apartments.

Park Recreation Director, Amy Moritz – Park Inspections

Mrs. Moritz informed council a MOPERM Risk Specialist for Parks visited with her and viewed the city parks. She stated he suggested a few minor items to improve park safety as well as providing a report to assist in preparing a five year plan. She proudly told council he was impressed with the quality of our parks and what the City provides to the public.

Public Works Director, Ryan Long – Water Loss Improvements

Mr. Long informed council the water loss over the past three months has consistently improved reducing our total loss from 60% to 48%. He stated part of the improvements were due to the new meters installed, taking time to conduct repairs for areas pointed out in the bi-annual leak survey and the new maintenance approach taken by staff.

Discussion followed including, but not limited to, encouraging staff to take an aggressive approach to installing meters city-wide even if that means outsourcing as well as appreciation stated for the Public Work staff's efforts.

APPOINTMENTS & VACANCIES

Parks Recreation and Golf Course Board:

One vacancy is due to expire August 31, 2015 for a term of three years. Ms. Cathy Slade is seeking re-appointment.

Motion made to accept Ms. Slade's reappointment to the Park Recreation and Golf Course Board as presented by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Council Minutes – September 1, 2015

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Two vacancies are due to expire August 31, 2015 for a term of three years.

Motion made to accept Mr. Vandsandt and Mr. Bartley's re-appointment request to the Planning and Zoning Commission as presented by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Hart.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mayor Davidson stated he knew of no reason to go into closed.

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 September 1, 2015, Regular Session City Council meeting.

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

Mayor Davidson adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk