

**MINUTES
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO**

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeremie Bridges gave the opening prayer and Mayor Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Charles Collinsworth; Richard Davidson; Timothy Lewis; Tom Workman

ABSENT:

Councilman Steve Hart

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:

Steven Hays, City Attorney; Troy Royer, City Manager; Nora Houdyshell, City Clerk

AMENDED AGENDA

City Attorney advised the Mayor to remove items #3 and #5 under new business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda as amended 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 September 1, 2015, Regular Session was approved as presented.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Davidson stated that the following proclamations were issued.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Neosho City Council recognize Ruan Transportation Management Systems' Neosho Terminals, who received the Company's Second Annual "Terminal of the Year" for 2014 at an awards ceremony held in Des Moines, Iowa; and

Whereas, Ruan was founded in 1932 and remains a family-owned business that continues to operate and lead with integrity, hard work, innovation, quality customer service and compassion; and

Whereas, Ruan Transportation Management Services has 270 locations nationwide; and

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Whereas, from the 4,400 drivers across the country, the Neosho terminal's 58 drivers stood out to the company; and
Whereas, Neosho terminals move between 12,000 and 15,000 containers a year covering more than 2 million miles maintaining a good safety record of preventable accidents; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard Davidson, Mayor of the City of Neosho, do hereby recognize Ruan Transportation Management Solutions for their efforts and declare appreciation for the meritorious service, loyalty and dedication they render to this community.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City, in the City of Neosho, this 29th day of August, 2015.

/s/ Richard Davidson, Mayor

And

Whereas, Ruan Transportation Management Systems' Neosho Terminals, received the Company's Second Annual "Terminal of the Year" for 2014 at an awards ceremony held in Des Moines, Iowa; and

Whereas, Ruan was founded in 1932 and remains a family-owned business that continues to operate and lead with integrity, hard work, innovation, quality customer service and compassion; and

Whereas, from the 4,400 drivers across the country, the Neosho terminal's 58 drivers stood out to the company due to the efforts of its drivers, its staff and its management; and

Whereas, the Neosho terminals, which serve several customers including Jarden Consumer Solutions, Gavilon and Marmon/Keystone, were selected based on their strong financial performance, safety records and exceptional customer service; and

Whereas, Ruffiett (Ruff) D. Yokley has worked for Ruan Transportation Management for twelve years and currently serves as the terminal manager for Neosho; and

Whereas, She has worked in the Neosho branch for nine years as it has grown from 18 trucks to 58 trucks; and

Whereas, During Ruff Yokley's thirty year tenure in the trucking industry, she has maintained a successful marriage to Chris and together they raised their 21 year old daughter, Taylor; and

Whereas, One characteristic that distinguishes Ruff Yokley's success is her enormous capacity for hard work; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community are always proud of our business leaders who excel in their positions and bring positive recognition to Neosho businesses; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard Davidson, Mayor of the City of Neosho, do hereby commend Ruff Yokley for her many contributions to the progress of this community and extend our best for a happy and successful future.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City, in the City of Neosho, this 29th day of August, 2015.

/s/ Richard Davidson, Mayor

VISITOR BUSINESS:

There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2015-686...Adopting the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget...2nd and 3rd Reading.

Bill No. 2015-686 for Ordinance No. 39-2015 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-686 on second and third readings by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

City Manager Royer reviewed the provided amended budget pages noting the Water/Wastewater fund increased from approximately \$67,000.00 to \$68,000.00 and lowered employee health insurance fund.

Councilman Collinsworth requested the net change at which time Mr. Royer said he would notify him at a later date.

(During Officer Reports, Mr. Royer addressed Councilman Collinsworth's inquiry and stated the reduction in the health insurance fund is in the amount of \$59,137.00.)

Mayor Davidson commended Mr. Royer and the Finance Department for their efforts to ensure a smooth budget review.

Roll call vote:

Richard Davidson – Yes

Timothy Lewis – Yes

Tom Workman – Yes

Charles Collinsworth - Yes

Motion carried.

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BID

The following bid recommendations were presented for consideration.

Public Works – FY2015 Sensus Meters for tower overflow pipes

Mr. Ryan Long, Public Works Director, informed the council this was a sole source provider for additional Sensus Meters to be placed on the overflow pipes on all four of the City's water towers and recommended the council accept the bid from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount \$13,550.00.

After Mayor Davidson's inquiry, Mr. Long confirmed if after 6 months use on the water towers and it is determined there is no more need for them, the meters could be used at other locations.

Discussion followed.

Motion to approve the bid from HD Supply in the amount of \$13,550.00 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

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2015-687...Authorizing the City of Neosho to execute an agreement between the City of Neosho and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of sealing and remarking runway 1-19, parallel & connecting taxiways...1st Reading.

Bill No. 2015-687 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2015-687 on first reading by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Workman

Mr. Dana Daniel, Director of Economic Development, informed council this is to permit staff to move forward with the grant for Airport paving project. He stated the Agreement will allow the City to utilize the 2012 NPE (Non-Primary Entitlement) funds in the amount of \$2,246.00 before it expires as well as the 2013 and 2014 funds. He recommended a special session city council meeting due to the deadline.

Mayor Davidson confirmed a special session city council meeting scheduled for September 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Davidson stated, absent objection from City Council, the motion will include authorizing the City Attorney and Mayor to execute agreement as required by MoDOT.

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Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Consider approval of Airport REIL lights expenditure.

Mr. Daniel informed council during a thunderstorm, lightning struck and damaged two REILs (Runway End Identifier Lights) which now need replaced. He stated Strukel Electric is a sole source provider and recommended council approve the expenditure in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Discussion followed including, but not limited to, the insurance deductible exceeds the amount of the purchase price and there is no warranty that covers lightning.

Motion to approve the expenditure for the Airport REIL lighting with Strukel Electric in the amount of \$8,000.00 as presented 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 for Region M Grant application.

Mr. Daniel informed council if the grant application is approved staff hopes it will cover labor costs for two full-time and one part-time Recycle center employees.

Motion to authorize grant application with Region M and authorize Mayor and the Human Resource Director to execute as requested by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Lewis

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Finance Director – August Financials

Finance Director Pevahouse reviewed the financials and noted the September receipts were up 23% over Fiscal Year 2014 and for the year the receipts were up 10.68%.

Discussion followed.

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City Clerk Houdyshell – Deputy City Clerk

City Clerk Houdyshell handed a spreadsheet to city council and reviewed the accomplishment obtained during the 14 month tenure of the Deputy City Clerk. She further explained to council the sunshine requests are now manageable and will be eliminating the deputy clerk position at the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

City Manager Troy Royer – Lawsuit Expenditure

Mr. Royer stated attorney expenditures are in a total amount of \$30,926.00.

City Manager Troy Royer – Net Difference of Approved Budget

City Manager Royer addressed Councilman Collinsworth and stated the reduction in the health insurance fund is in the amount of \$59,137.00.

CLOSED MEETING:

Motion to close the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo,...Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys by Mayor Davidson and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Davidson closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:28 p.m. and Mayor Davidson announced the council conferred with the city attorney and one vote was taken.

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 15, 2015, Regular Session City Council meeting.

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

Mayor Davidson adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk