

**MINUTES**  
**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 2, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**203 E. Main St., Neosho, MO**

**OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Danny Boggs gave the opening prayer and Mayor Davidso lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Richard Davidson, Charles Collinsworth; Timothy Lewis; Tom Workman, Steve Hart

**CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Steven Hays, City Attorney; Troy Royer, City Manager; Dana Lytle, Interim City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made to approve agenda by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Lewis.

**CONSENT OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Workman.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of January 19, 2016 – Regular Session was approved as presented.

The minutes of January 25, 2016 - Special Session was approved as presented.

**VISITOR BUSINESS:**

John Mills and Donna Divine-Jones were present representing the Art Council.

The topic discussed by Mr. Mills was the Civic Center lighting project for the West & East wings as well as the balcony. Mr. Mills said the difference the lighting has made is phenomenal which now ensures optimal lighting levels as well as improving safety. There had been hot spots which are no longer there and it has more uniform lighting controlled by a computerized digital system. Mr. Mills brought a letter to the Council Meeting for Council Members to read which has been attached to the minutes. Mr. Mills would like to proceed with another project for the Civic Center by adding additional lighting. Mayor Davidson questioned where the additional lighting would go. Mr. Mills stated that it would go at the main center section of the auditorium. Councilman Hart asked about this new project being covered under Empire Rebate Program and Mr. Mills stated it would not. Mr. Mills said the Art Council will donate \$5,000 which would take care of half of the expenses of just under \$10,000 to do the lighting in the main floor of the auditorium which will also be controlled by the computerized digital lights system with color. Mayor Davidson asked if it was the 16 additional lighting previously discussed and Mr. Mills said that the 16 additional lighting was from the original bid project and the Council might want to further check on the exact number of lights needed as well as confirming costs or obtaining new bids.

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Good Evening Gentlemen,

I am John Mills, Board Member along with Donna Divine-Jones, President of the Neosho Arts Council. We thank you for this opportunity to address the council.

The Neosho Arts Council (NAC) is pleased with the ongoing upgrade of the existing lighting in the Neosho Civic Center. Indeed the light distribution and output is effectively addressing the poor lighting in the **east and west wings as well as the balcony**. In addition this upgrade to LED fixtures will also **improve safety, energy efficiency, and reduced maintenance** while taking advantage of Empire District's energy rebates. Our citizens can be proud of this project as we are at the Neosho Arts Council.

As you will recall in my original presentation to the City Council I mentioned that the Neosho Arts Council has, for many years, hoped that the lighting at the Neosho Civic Center could be updated to enhance its use from a primarily theatrical/concert venue to a full multi-purpose venue. I at that meeting urged the council to begin this lighting upgrade while energy rebate funds were available to help offset the City's investment. The Arts Council thanks you for the City's commitment to do so.

We are here tonight in an effort to clarify the participation in this project by the Neosho Arts Council that we have offered to the City. I also mentioned in my prior presentation to this council that lighting, additional to the upgrade, might be required in the main auditorium area but that its necessity would not be fully known until the upgrade was complete.

A preliminary study has indicated that up to sixteen additional fixtures could be needed. Therefore The Arts Council communicated to the City Manager that the Board of the Neosho Arts Council has approved up to a \$5000 matching grant to cover half of that cost. As with the initial upgrade, the NAC would like to thank our City Administration for allowing our input in these projects and hope to continue to be involved with the process to assure that lumen levels and color rendition of the fixtures chosen will be at their optimum levels and that control functions can be integrated into the present computerized system.

Although the Neosho Arts Council did not participate in the funding for the initial lighting upgrade, the proposed additional project **would not be eligible for energy rebates**. Therefore the Arts Council has offered to **share the cost of this additional project**. We certainly understand if the Council wishes to defer action on this proposal until a later date, but we wanted to clarify our commitment to the City. We certainly feel its completion at the earliest timetable possible is of utmost importance.

Thank you for your consideration. I will address any questions that you might have.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider approval of Bill No. 2016-799 ... to amend the FY 2016 Budget authorizing a budget adjustment including increases in expenditures to Human Resources, Police Department, Fire Department and D&M.

Bill No. 2016-799 for Ordinance No. 50-2015 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

City Manager Troy Royer states that this is basically a budget adjustment to Human Resources by adding Kathy Jordan to help Georgia Holtz with insurance which is very time consuming and the Dispatch Service had a 2% increase that needed to be covered. Councilman Collinsworth said he was glad that Troy is taking care of these matters at hand as in the past things were postponed until September Fiscal Year End, and now he has got the departments what they need in a timely matter and he thanks him for that.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2016-799 for Ordinance No. 50-2016 on second and third readings 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill No. 2016-800...to amend the budget to approve expenditures:

1. Senior Center: Installation of a new Hood/Fire Suppression System for the kitchen
2. Development Services: Repair of ACO truck (insurance covered this repair less the deductible);
3. Recycling Center: Purchase of forklift.

Bill No. 2016-800 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2016-800 on first reading by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Lewis.

Dana Daniels, Development Services, presented this bill for approval indicating the need for the new equipment in the kitchen of the Senior Center and the ACO truck was on the job when it was side-swiped and in need of repair. The forklift for the Recycling Center is needed due to increase of work load.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2016-802...to amend Code Chapter 710, 710.075 – GPS Data Collection – Water to add a requirement for GPS data collection. Anyone who extends utility mains or City maintained infrastructure to submit to the City the GPS information for said improvements. This information would be added to the City GIS system.

Bill No. 2016-802 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2016-802 on first reading by Councilman Collinsworth and seconded by Councilman Workman.

Mr. Daniels says this Bill will bring our City upgrades to date and we will be able to maintain our infrastructure more precisely. Councilman Hart wanted to know how this will work for us and Mr. Daniels stated that all work will be saved on a computer program system for easy access. The Engineers will do the work of setting this up. Councilman Hart asked about the costs and Mr. Daniels stated it is mainly just the labor of the Engineer of the project and Mr. Daniels will shop around for the best prices. Mayor Davidson feels this is a good deal especially in the Crowder area where there is business development.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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Timothy Lewis – Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 2016-803...to amend Code Chapter 705, 705-075 – GPS Data Collection – Sewer to add a requirement for GPS data collection. Anyone who extends utility mains or City maintained infrastructure to submit to the City the GPS information for said improvements. This information would be added to the City GIS system.

Bill No. 2016-803 was read by title only by Mr. Hays.

Motion to pass Bill No. 2016-803 on first reading by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Collinsworth.

Mr. Daniels discussed this is a Bill for the sewer system which is similar GPS data collection. Mr. Royer said this is a much needed system for our contractors who need information about our water and sewer systems which will be on a computer system that they can pull up quickly and know where things are. It will save time as maps get lost or sometimes are not updated and this will be a much better system and easy to update and keep current.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

Steve Hart – Yes

Timothy Lewis – Yes

Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

Consider acceptance of LLEBG-Safety Equipment Grant/Missouri State Bid Contract C115062005 for emergency vehicle lighting that has been awarded to Neosho Police Department.

Mr. Kennedy stated that this is accepting a Grant from the State for the emergency lighting for vehicles and Mayor Davidson asked if it will be for all the vehicles and Mr. Kennedy stated it was for all the new vehicles such as the Taurus and Escalade.

Motion to approve acceptance of LLEBG-Safety Equipment Grant/Missouri State Contract C115062005 by Councilman Workman and seconded by Councilman Lewis.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Richard Davidson – Yes

Steve Hart – Yes

Timothy Lewis – Yes

Tom Workman – Yes

Motion carried.

### **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

Mr. Royer said that ClearPath is moving along and almost completed. The Waldo-Hatler ditch drainage project is looking good and encouraged all citizens to drive by and look at it. There is still no word on NABIFI financing project. He found out today that the Tiger Grants applications are not out yet. Mayor Davidson spoke about the Foreign Trade Zone with Congressman Long's Assistant briefly and noted that application deadlines are March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Davidson asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response he asked for a motion to adjourn the February 2, 2016.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Davidson adjourned the regular session meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Adjourn to go into Closed Session under Section 610.021(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee of a public government body.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**Section 610.021(3) RSMo.....Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee of a public government body.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:58 p.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**