

Neodesha, Kansas
April 8, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. in the great room at City Hall, practicing social distancing, on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Moffatt and Nichol present.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Commission and Administrator Reports were heard.

Public Comments were invited and heard.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the March 25, 2020 Commission Meeting; minutes from the April 3, 2020 Special Call Meeting; Appropriation (2020) 06; Raw Water Bond Project Pay Application 69; and Gas Line Project Appropriation 05. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating April 7, 2020 as National Service Recognition Day in the City of Neodesha

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating April 18, 2020 as National Lineman Appreciation Day in the City of Neodesha. The proclamation was then presented to Brandon Hearn, Electric Superintendent.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-05

A RESOLUTION WAIVING ALL PENALTIES FOR LATE UTILITY PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS, FOR THE BILLING MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, 2020

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Kansas have declared states of emergency in their respective jurisdictions resulting from the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 20-05, signed by Governor Kelly on March 17, 2020, temporarily prohibits utility and internet disconnects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Neodesha Governing Body has determined that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a negative local impact on employment, such as employee workshare, furloughs, lay-offs, and other employment income hardships during the months of March and April, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA:

That any and all utility penalties for late payments shall be waived for the March and April, 2020 billing months. The penalty waiver dates shall be April 15th and May 15th, 2020.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve Resolution No. 20-05 regarding the Waiver of Utility Penalties. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the purchase of two new 6" check valves for the Water Treatment Plant. Discussion held.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the bid from B & B Services, for check valve equipment and installation at the Water Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$10,900. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding bids for painting the pool. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the bid from Fort Dem Enterprises, for painting the City Pool, in an amount not to exceed \$39,341. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the approval of a Zoning Variance at the property located at 1030 Walnut. Discussion held.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the Zoning Variance for 1030 Walnut as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to convene as the Neodesha Land Bank to consider the donation of property at 1316 N 4th Street. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve accepting the property located at 1316 N 4th Street into the Neodesha Land Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to adjourn as the Neodesha Land Bank Board and re-convene as the City of Neodesha Governing Body. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the current COVID-19 and Coronavirus situation. Extensive discussion was held amongst Administrator Truelove, the Governing Body, Fire Chief Duane Banzet, Jeri Hammerschmidt, Community Development Director and Dennis Shelby, CEO of Wilson Medical Center.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to extend the work share plan involving the employees of the City of Neodesha until further review at the April 22, 2020 Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

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At 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Moffat moved to recess the Commission meeting awaiting the availability of Dr. Moorhead for an executive session. The open meeting will resume in the great room at City Hall at 3:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 3:50 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the great room at City Hall.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to recess to an Executive Session including the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Clerk, Fire Chief Duane Banzet and Dr. F.A. Moorhead, Jr. by telephone conference in the Commission Room to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception KSA 75-4319(b)(1) because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. The open meeting will resume in the great room at City Hall at 4:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 4:20 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commissioner Room. No action taken.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to extend the Executive Session until 4:45 p.m. inviting in Landon Woodward, City employee, to attend and Dr. Moorhead leaving the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 4:45 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the great room at City Hall. No action taken.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

At 4:47 p.m. Commissioner Nichol moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk