

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, in the Commission Room at City Hall conducting the meeting by live streaming with Zoom with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Moffatt and Vail-Keller present. Assistant City Clerk Rhonda Howell was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried. Commission reports were heard.

Interim Administrator reports were heard.

Community Development Director reports were heard.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting; and Appropriation (2023) 19. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Public Comments were invited and heard.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the City's Municipal Water System Improvements Project, namely the first piece being the repairs to the southeast abutment of the Neodesha Fall River Dam, and secondly, construction and installment of water line improvements. Staff is working with Triplett Woolf & Garretson LLC for the necessary paperwork to complete this process. Dave Arteberry and Stan Jones of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company were present by Zoom to aid in the discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 1800

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO, AND OTHERWISE RECONSTRUCT, IMPROVE, EQUIP, REHABILITATE AND EXTEND THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING, REHABILITATION AND EXTENSION OF SAID SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IMPROVEMENT NOTES FROM TIME TO TIME AS FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ORDERLY CONSTRUCTION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS. *(a complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office)*

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve Ordinance 1800 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding a resolution that provides details related to the sale and delivery of the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023-A for the Municipal Water System Improvements Project. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES A, 2023, IN A TOTAL APPROXIMATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,772,000. *(a complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office)*

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve Resolution 23-24 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding a financial services agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company for financial services related to the dam repairs and waterline replacement project. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding the approval of the Notice of Award for the Neodesha Fall River Dam Project. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the Notice of Award, for the Neodesha Fall River Dam – Southeast Abutment Repairs Project, to Koehn Construction LLC at a project cost of \$905,000, pending USDA final funding approval. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding a request from the Neodesha Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct a historical cemetery tour featuring certain individuals and to lift the cemetery's curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Chamber Director Robyn Pierce was present to aid in discussion.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the use of the Neodesha City Cemetery for a public tour event Monday, October 30, 2023, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and to lift the curfew at the cemetery from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding a request from a group of individuals requesting the use of the Civic Center for senior recreation activities, pickle-ball, during inclement weather. Discussion held.

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Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the request for the use of the Civic Center for senior recreational activities on a trial basis, limiting the use to one hour during City Hall business hours. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Interim Administrator McAnarney addressed the Commission regarding rescheduling the November 22, 2023 Commission Meeting to a later date due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to reschedule the November 22, 2023 Commission Meeting to November 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to recess to an Executive Session to include the Governing Body and the City Clerk 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 Commission Room at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried. The live streamed Zoom meeting was then placed on hold with audio, video and recording ceased.

At 3:00 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room at City Hall. The live streamed Zoom meeting then resumed with audio, video and recording. No action taken.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Moffatt moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk