

Neodesha, Kansas

March 27, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, in the Commission Room at City Hall conducting the meeting by live streaming with Zoom with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Banzet and Vail-Keller present.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Civic organization reports were invited and heard.

Public comments were invited and heard.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting; and Appropriation (2024) 5. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating April 2, 2024, as National Service Recognition Day in the City of Neodesha, encouraging residents to recognize the positive impact of national service on our community; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Administrator Jones along with Chief Keenan Fyfe addressed the Commission regarding the approval of a bid to lease a Pumper Truck. This agenda item was previously tabled at the March 13, 2024 meeting. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the shared bid from Community National Bank and Bank of Commerce for the lease purchase of a 2024 Custom Pumper Fire Truck at 6.97% interest in an amount not to exceed \$88,072.36 per year for six (6) years. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones along with Chief Keenan Fyfe addressed the Commission regarding the purchase of bunker gear for crew members. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the purchase of bunker gear from Conrad Fire Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$11,000. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones along with Chief Sam Tomlinson addressed the Commission regarding a Training Reimbursement Agreement which covers the cost of Police Academy Training upon proof of enrollment. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the Training Reimbursement Agreement with Police Officer Rachel Norman in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a request for reimbursement of monies spent due to damages caused from a brown-out located at a residence within the city limits. Discussion held.

Mayor Johnson called for a motion to approve the reimbursement. The agenda item died due to a lack of motion being brought forth.

The Governing Body welcomed Robyn Pierce, a representative from the Booster Club, requesting the approval of a Cereal Malt Beverage License for a fundraising event for the Booster Club to be held at the Catholic Church Parish Hall on April 20, 2024. This agenda item was previously tabled at the March 13, 2024 meeting. Discussion held.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Robyn Pierce/Neodesha Booster Club/Neodesha Education Foundation for a fundraising event to be held on April 20, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller with Commissioner Banzet abstaining from the vote. Motion passed 2-0 with one abstention.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the approval of a Cereal Malt Beverage license for Wilson Medical Center for their Fall Festival to be held on September 21, 2024. This agenda item was previously tabled at the March 13, 2024 meeting. Discussion held.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license for the WMC Fall Festival event to be held on September 21, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller with Commissioner Banzet abstaining from the vote. Motion passed 2-0 with one abstention.

The Governing Body welcomed Frances Oldweiler, on behalf of the Neodesha Cross Country Team, requesting the use of Riverwalk Park for their sporting events.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the use of Riverwalk Park for the development of a Neodesha Cross Country Team track for future use. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding recommended changes to the City's License and Permit Applications. Discussion held. No action taken.

Commission reports were heard.

City Administrator reports were heard.

Community Development Director Reports were heard.

Financial Reports were distributed and discussed.

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Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to recess to an Executive Session to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Clerk and Fire Chief 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 3:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried. The live streamed Zoom meeting was then placed on hold with audio, video and recording ceased.

At 3:50 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, April 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:50 p.m. Commissioner Banzet moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk