

Neodesha, Kansas

April 10, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in the Commission Room at City Hall conducting the meeting by live streaming with Zoom with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioner Vail-Keller present. Commissioner Banzet was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the agenda as presented with the revision of Business Item 4:J.: Economic Development Committee: Accept Resignation & Appointment. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Civic organization reports were invited and heard.

Public comments were invited and heard.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting; Appropriation (2024) 6; and Water System Improvements Bond 5. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Neodesha, expressing acknowledgement that we must work together as a community in partnership to build awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating the month of April 2024 as Fair Housing Month and to express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the City.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating the week of April 15 – 19, 2024 as National Work Zone Awareness Week, raising awareness of the need for work zone safety through campaigns such as this. Work Zones are Temporary – Actions Behind the Wheel can Last Forever.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating April 18, 2024 as National Lineman Appreciation Day in the City of Neodesha. Thank you to Brandon Hearn and his crew for all that you do for the citizens of Neodesha.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding an Ordinance providing authority for the structures located at 1607 B Street to be demolished and the property made safe. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to table this ordinance until the June 12, 2024 meeting for final review of progress made. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding an Ordinance providing authority for the structures located at 1611 B Street to be demolished and the property made safe. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to table this ordinance until the June 12, 2024 meeting for final review of progress made. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the consideration of Privatized Mowing Bids for City Hall, Stadium Park, Memorial Park and the Neodesha Splash Zone. The bidding process was advertised by Staff and only one bid was received. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the privatized mowing bid as submitted by TLC Groundskeeping LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,076. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a bid for the installation of the newly acquired playground equipment at Crowder Park. Discussion held.

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

City Clerk Stephanie Fyfe addressed the Commission regarding a request from the 31st Judicial District Community Corrections & Juvenile Services Board to reappoint Peggy Collins for another 2-year term. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to reappoint Peggy Collins to the 31st Judicial District Community Corrections & Juvenile Services Board for a two-year term, with a term ending date of April 20, 2026. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Community Development Director Chris Bauman addressed the Commission regarding a resignation and appointment to the Economic Development Committee. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to accept the resignation of Jared Harper from the Economic Development Committee effective immediately. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the appointment of Bruce Thornton to the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jared Harper, with a term ending date of 12/31/2025. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the replacement of A/C units at the Library. Discussion held.

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Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to table this discussion item to the April 24, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

Commission reports were heard.

City Administrator reports were heard.

Community Development Director Reports were heard.

Financial Reports were distributed and discussed.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to recess to an Executive Session to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, and 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 3:55 p.m. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried. The live streamed Zoom meeting was then placed on hold with audio, video and recording ceased.

At 3:55 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 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:55 p.m. Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk