

Neodesha, Kansas
April 24, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 24, 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 Banzet moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Business Item 4.C: Proclamation: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. 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 April 10, 2024 meeting; Appropriation (2024) 7; and Water System Improvements Bond 6. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating the week of May 5 – 11, 2024 as National Drinking Water Week, calling upon the citizens of Neodesha to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it. Thank you, Water Superintendent Jay Bair and staff, for taking care of our citizens providing us with safe, clean, drinking water.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating May 5 – 11, 2024 as Public Service Recognition Week, encouraging all citizens of Neodesha to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels – Federal, State, County and City. Thank you, in particular, to all City of Neodesha personnel, for all that you do for our community.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating the weekend of May 5, 2024 as National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, calling upon all citizens of Neodesha; all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations, to observe this day, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts to our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff. Thank you, Chief Keenan Fyfe and staff, for all you do for our community and county. Commissioner Banzet then presented the City of Neodesha with a memorial plaque in remembrance of our own Neodesha Fallen Firefighter, Howard Lour, who lost his life in the line of duty on July 7, 1976.

Administrator Jones along with Tommy John, Building Inspector, addressed the Commission regarding an immediate hazard, dangerous structure, located at 616 Indiana Street. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to declare the structure located at 616 Indiana Street an immediate hazard to the public, and order the City Administrator to start proceedings for demolition. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones along with Tommy John, Building Inspector, addressed the Commission regarding an immediate hazard, dangerous structure, located at 1340 N 4th Street. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to declare the structure located at 1340 N 4th Street an immediate hazard to the public, and order the City Administrator to start proceedings for demolition. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones along with Tommy John, Building Inspector, addressed the Commission regarding an immediate hazard, dangerous structure, located at 1704 N 8th Street. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to declare the structure located at 1704 N 8th Street an immediate hazard to the public, and order the City Administrator to start proceedings for demolition. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones along with Chief Sam Tomlinson addressed the Commission regarding the purchase of a police vehicle and equipment. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit & equipment from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$62,000. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones along with Public Works Director Ryan Toms addressed the Commission regarding the purchase of CGI Detectors and equipment. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the purchase of CGI detectors and equipment from Sensit Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$17,500. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the Notice of Award to TLC Groundskeeping Inc for privatized mowing. TLC was awarded the bid at the April 10, 2024 meeting. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the Notice of Award to TLC Groundskeeping Inc for privatized mowing. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

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Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the Notice to Proceed to TLC Groundskeeping Inc for privatized mowing. TLC was awarded the bid at the April 10, 2024 meeting. Discussion held.

Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to approve the Notice to Proceed to TLC Groundskeeping Inc for privatized mowing. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the Library A/C units. Treva Scott, Library Board Member, was present to aid in the discussion. No action taken.

Administrator Jones along with Community Development Director Chris Bauman addressed the Commission regarding a resignation request from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to accept the resignation of Louise Campbell from the Planning & Zoning Commission effective immediately. Seconded by Commissioner Vail-Keller. Motion carried.

Commission reports were heard.

City Administrator reports were heard.

Community Development Director Reports were heard.

Financial Reports were distributed and discussed.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Vail-Keller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk