

July 9, 2025

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Commission Room at City Hall conducting the meeting by live streaming with Zoom with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioner Banzet present. Commissioner Truelove attended by phone. At approximately 4:07 p.m. the live streamed Zoom meeting was cancelled due to technical difficulties. The regular session carried on without recording.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Civic organization reports were invited and heard.

Commission reports were heard.

City Administrator comments were heard.

Community Development Director reports were heard.

Financial reports were distributed.

Public Comments were invited and heard.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of minutes from the June 25, 2025 Meeting; minutes from the June 30, 2025 Special Call Meeting; and Appropriation (2025) 12. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the approval of a Notice to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate document. Once preliminary numbers for the 2026 Budget are comprised, this document along with the publication of a Notice of Hearing for a Combined Revenue Neutral Rate and 2026 Budget Hearing date are required to submit to the Wilson County Clerk no later than July 20, 2025. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent as presented at a rate of 65.640. Seconded by Mayor Johnson with Commissioner Banzet voting nay. Motion passed 2 – 1.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the approval for publication of the Notice of Combined Revenue Neutral Rate and 2026 Budget Hearing. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve publication of the Combined Notice of Public Hearing to Exceed RNR and Budget Hearing, setting the date for the hearings on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a Financial Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co Inc to secure assistance with project financing and to establish an appropriate payment structure to close out the City's water project fund notes. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the Financial Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co Inc as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a modification to the retirement date request from City Hall employee Anita Buchanan. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to accept the modification to the retirement date of Anita Buchanan with a retirement date of October 1, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried. The Governing Body sincerely expressed best wishes to Anita for her 35 years of dedicated service, she will be greatly missed.

Commissioner Truelove moved to convene as the Neodesha Land Bank Board to discuss the potential sale of Land Bank property. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the offer from Kally and Tyler Lewis in the amount of \$5,000 for the property located at 4303 US 75 Hwy with the inclusion of a "right of first refusal" statement on the deed. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments were again invited and heard.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

At 5:05 p.m. Commissioner Truelove moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk