

July 23, 2025

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, in the Commission Room at City Hall with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Banzet and Truelove present.

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 July 9, 2025 Meeting; minutes from the July 17, 2025 Special Call Meeting; and Appropriation (2025) 13. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read a Proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 5, 2025 as National Night Out 2023 calling upon all citizens to join the City of Neodesha and the National Association of Town Watch to celebrate this event.

Administrator Jones along with Dave Arteberry of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co, addressed the Commission regarding the closing out of the City's USDA loan that provided critical funding for several major water projects over the past few years. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the early redemption of the GO Temporary Notes for the Final Phase Water Project. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a Resolution that completes the process of closing out the USDA Loan funding. Discussion held.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS DECLARING IT NECESSARY AND ADVISABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF REDEMPTION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES A, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Neodesha, Kansas (the "City") has previously issued its General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series A, 2023 (the "2023 Notes") in the original principal amount of \$1,772,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the improvements financed with the proceeds of the 2023 Notes cost less than expected, and the City has received a grant in advance of the permanent financing thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to provide for the early redemption of a portion of the 2023 Notes prior to the permanent refinancing thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City hereby indicates its intent to redeem \$1,080,000 principal amount of the 2023 Notes (as defined above) on September 1, 2025, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all such other actions not inconsistent herewith as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purposes contemplated by this Resolution, including, but not limited to, providing any necessary notice of the City's intent to redeem \$1,080,000 of the 2023 Notes and waiving any notice which may otherwise be required.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve Resolution 25-09 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

This being the time and date published in the official newspaper for the hearing on the abatement of the property located at 1305 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, the public hearing was opened. Discussion held. The hearing was then closed.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the abatement of the property located at 1305 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A resolution is necessary to state corrective actions required to bring the property into compliance and establish a clear time frame for the property owner to complete the work. Discussion held.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-10**

**A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, LEGAL DESCRIPTION: *The South Seventeen (17) feet of Lot 77, all Lots 78,79,80,and 81, and the North Six (6) feet of Lot 82, Block Two (2), Westlawn Addition to the City of Neodesha, IS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA ENVIROMENTAL CODE, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 26-43. THE PREMISES HAS BEEN DETERMINED UNSAFE AND A BLIGHTING INFLUENCE AND IS DIRECTED TO BE MADE SAFE AND SECURE.***

**WHEREAS**, the Enforcing Officer of the City of Neodesha, Kansas did on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 file with the governing body of said City a statement in writing that a certain premises, hereinafter described, was unsafe and causing a blighting influence; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body did by Resolution dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, direct the enforcing officer or other agents of the city to abate the conditions causing the violation, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law; and

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**WHEREAS**, such Resolution was published in the official city paper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2025, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025, and a copy of such Resolution was served on all persons entitled thereto in all respects as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2025, the governing body has heard all evidence submitted by the enforcing officer of the city, the owners, agents, lienholders, and occupants of such premises (having appeared or having failed to appear);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA,**

THAT said governing body hereby finds that the premises is unsafe and causing a blighting influence and hereby directs such premises **LOCATED AT 1305 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The South Seventeen (17) feet of Lot 77, all Lots 78,79,80,and 81, and the North Six (6) feet of Lot 82, Block Two (2), Westlawn Addition to the City of Neodesha**, to be repaired or abated and the premises made safe and secure.

The owner of such structure is hereby given **60 days** from the date of publication of this Resolution within which to commence the abatement and/or clean-up of such property within the time stated or fails to diligently prosecute the same until the work is completed, said governing body will cause the premises to be repaired or abated and the costs of such repair or abatement, less salvage if any, to be assessed as a special assessment against the lot or parcel of land upon which the structure is located as provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official city paper and a copy mailed to the owners, agents, lienholders and occupants as provided by law.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve Resolution 25-10 as presented, allowing the property owner 60 days to abate the property located at 1305 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding payment to KMEA for fence installation at the Neodesha Generation Center. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the payment to KMEA in the amount of \$56,453.05 for fence installation at the generator site. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding setting a date and time for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new generation facility in Neodesha. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve a Special Call Meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the Neodesha Generation Center. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding options for the continuation of Zoom recording for the Commission Meetings. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to stop live Zooming the Commission Meetings and start recording meetings to be posted later on the City's Facebook page. 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, August 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

At 5:25 p.m. Commissioner Banzet requested a 5-minute recess. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

At 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Commissioner Truelove moved to recess to an Executive Session to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, Chief of Police, 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 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

At 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Banzet moved to extend the Executive Session an additional 15 minutes. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

At 6:15 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room at City Hall. No action taken.

At 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Banzet moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk