

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in the Commission Room at City Hall with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Banzet and Truelove present. The meeting was recorded via Zoom platform.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Business Item 4J: Set date and time for Ribbon Cutting for Crowder Park. 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 August 13, 2025 Special Call Meeting; minutes from the August 13, 2025 Meeting; minutes from the August 20, 2025 Special Call Meeting; and Appropriation (2025) 15. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

This being the time and date published in the official newspaper for the 2026 Budget Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, the public hearing was opened by Mayor Johnson. Public comments were heard and considered; the hearing was then closed. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 25-17

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Neodesha, Kansas was calculated as 61.340 mills by the Wilson County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Neodesha, Kansas will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on August 27, 2025 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Neodesha, Kansas, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

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

The City of Neodesha, Kansas shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 65.640 mills.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve Resolution 25-17 as presented. A roll call vote was then taken by the City Clerk; Commissioner Banzet – aye; Commissioner Truelove – aye; Mayor Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously 3 – 0.

This being the time and date published in the official newspaper for the 2026 Budget Hearing, the public hearing was opened by Mayor Johnson. Public comments were heard and considered; the hearing was then closed. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. A roll call vote was then taken by the City Clerk; Commissioner Banzet – aye; Commissioner Truelove – aye; Mayor Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously 3 – 0.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding an ordinance to authorize the issuance of bonds to close out the water improvements project. Discussion held.

ORDINANCE NO. 1822

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2025, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$793,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO. (a complete copy of this ordinance can be viewed or obtained in the City Clerk's office)

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve Ordinance 1822 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a resolution that establishes the process for the bonds and grants authorization to our bond counsel. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 25-18

A RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL

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AMOUNT OF \$793,000, OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1822 OF THE CITY; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH. *(a complete copy of this ordinance can be viewed or obtained in the City Clerk's office)*

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve Resolution 25-18 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a Notice of Award for the CDBG Brown Hotel Development Project. Griffith Development LLC has accepted a bid and chosen a contractor. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the awarding of the construction contract for the Brown Hotel Development to Mitchell Markowitz Construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,042,850. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a request from the Neodesha Area Chamber of Commerce to donate the use of the Civic Center for their annual auction and dinner. Also requested was the donation of a one-time use of the Civic Center as an auction item. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the waiving of the rental fee of the Civic Center for the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Auction on September 13, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the donation of a one-time use of the Civic Center as an auction item for the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Auction on September 13, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding an annual agreement with Hach Service Partnership. This agreement ensures our chemical supply and equipment maintenance needs are met for the year. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the agreement with Hach Services in an amount not to exceed \$8,720. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding setting a time and date for a ribbon cutting ceremony for Crowder Park. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to set a Special Call Meeting for the Crowder Park ribbon cutting ceremony for Friday, September 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. 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, September 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Banzet moved to recess to an Executive Session to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Clerk, and the Public Works Director 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 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried. The Zoom recording was placed on hold with audio, video and recording functions suspended.

At 5:40 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room at City Hall. The Zoom recording resumed with audio, video and recording in progress. No action taken.

At 5:40 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