

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in the Commission Room at City Hall with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioner Truelove present. Commissioner Banzet was absent. The meeting was recorded via Zoom platform.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried 2 – 0.

Commissioner Banzet arrived at 4:03 p.m.

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 January 14, 2026 Special Call Meeting; Appropriation (2025) 24; Appropriation (2025) 25; and Appropriation (2026) 01. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a Charter Ordinance which outlines assurances that the City can continue the capabilities to publish all legal notices without interruption should the Neodesha Derrick be unable to publish for any reason. Discussion held.

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO 20

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1651 REGARDING THE NAMING OF AN OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Neodesha, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Election to Exempt. The City of Neodesha, Kansas ("City"), by virtue of the powers vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it K.S.A. 12-1651, which applies to the City but does not apply uniformly to all cities, and thereby provide substitute and additional provisions on the same subject as set forth in this Charter Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Substitute and Additional Provisions. The Governing Body shall designate from time to time by resolution one or more newspapers and/or websites as the official city newspaper(s) of the City for publication of legal notices, advertisements, or publications of any kind which may be required to be published in the official city newspaper by the laws of the State of Kansas or of the City.

SECTION 3. Currently Designated Official City Newspaper. Any newspaper that has been designated as an official city newspaper as of the effective date of this Charter Ordinance shall continue to be an official city newspaper unless or until the Governing Body adopts a resolution providing otherwise.

SECTION 4. Publication of Ordinance. This Charter Ordinance shall be published in its entirety once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the Charter Ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5, subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

SECTION 6. Records. Upon its effective date, this Charter Ordinance shall be recorded by the City Clerk in a book maintained for charter ordinances of the City, and a certified copy shall be filed with the Kansas Secretary of State.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve Charter Ordinance No 20 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding an Ordinance that reflects a change to the electric rates based upon the adjustments made to the general fund for 2026 and our ability to reduce transfers from the enterprise funds. Discussion held.

ORDINANCE NO. 1830

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-36 OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA CODE REGARDING FEES FOR UTILITIES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF NEODESHA, WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS AND REPEALING OLD SECTION 16-36 OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA CODE AND ORDINANCE 1814.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS:

Section One: Section 16-36 of Chapter 16 of the City of Neodesha Code shall be amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 16-36. - Utilities.

- a) Service connection fees:
 - 1. Electricity: \$50.00.
 - 2. Gas: \$50.00.
 - 3. Water: \$50.00.
- b) Transfer fee: \$25.00.
- c) Reconnect fees for non-payment: \$50.00
- d) Returned check NSF fee: \$50.00.
- e) Natural gas:
 - 1. Residential service, monthly rates:
 - a. Meter service charge: \$15.00 per month per meter.
 - b. Commodity charge: \$0.816 per Ccf, plus the cost of gas adjustment.
 - 2. Commercial service, monthly rates:
 - a. Meter service charge: \$18.00 per month per meter.
 - b. Commodity charge: \$0.816 per Ccf, plus the cost of gas adjustment.
 - 3. Industrial service, monthly rates:
 - a. Meter service charge: \$20.00 per month per meter.
 - b. Commodity charge: \$0.816 per Ccf, plus the cost of gas adjustment.
 - 4. Large volume service. Must remain on this rate for the 12-month calendar year.
 - a. Customer charge: \$75.00 per month (includes multiple locations/meters).
 - b. Meter service charge: \$30.00 per month per meter.
 - c. Commodity charge:
 - (1) The first 500 Ccf (0—500) at \$0.8 per Ccf.
 - (2) The next 1500 Ccf (501—2000) at \$0.785 per Ccf.
 - (3) The next 3500 Ccf (2001—5500) at \$0.755 per Ccf.
 - (4) All over 5500 Ccf (5501+) at \$0.735 per Ccf, plus the cost of gas adjustment applied to all Ccf.
- f) Water rates:
 - 1. Residential and commercial:

Year	Customer Meter Charge	Each Gallon
2023	19.48	0.00849
2024	19.87	0.00866
2025	20.06	0.00884
2026	20.26	0.00901
2027	20.46	0.00919
2028	20.66	0.00936
2029	20.91	0.00954

2. Industrial customers for the first 100,000 gallons the rate shall be per month:

Year	Customer Meter Charge	Each Gallon
2023	19.48	0.00849
2024	19.87	0.00866
2025	20.06	0.00884
2026	20.26	0.00901
2027	20.46	0.00919
2028	20.66	0.00936
2029	20.91	0.00954

a. For all water in excess of 100,000 gallons the rate per month shall be:

Year	Excess of 100,000 each Gallon
2023	0.00728
2024	0.00743

2025	0.00758
2026	0.00775
2027	0.00919
2028	0.00936
2029	0.00954

2. Bulk water sales at Water Plant:

- a. 90 gallons for \$1.00

3. Customers outside of City limits:

Year	Customer Meter Charge	Each Gallon
2023	24.35	0.01062
2024	24.83	0.01083
2025	25.33	0.01105
2026	25.85	0.01128
2027	26.39	0.01152
2028	26.95	0.01177
2029	27.53	0.01203

4. Water reconnects fees when service is terminated for violating water supply emergency restrictions:

- a. First reconnection: \$50.00.
- b. Second reconnection: \$200.00.
- c. Third reconnection: \$300.00.

5. Water backflow preventer testing fees.

- a. First unit \$150.00; additional units \$100.00 each.
- b. Re-testing: \$100.00 per unit.

g) Electric rates.

2026:

Zoning	Meter Charge	Cost Per KWH
Residential:	\$16.00	\$0.1050
Commercial:	\$25.00	\$0.1050
Large Volume Customers:	\$100.00	
First 125,000 KWH		\$0.098
125,000-400,000 KWH		\$0.073
400,000 KWH +		\$0.07

2027:

Zoning	Meter Charge	Cost Per KWH
Residential:	\$16.00	\$0.1150
Commercial:	\$25.00	\$0.1150
Large Volume Customers:	\$100.00	
First 125,000 KWH		\$0.1080
125,000-400,000 KWH		\$0.075
400,000 KWH +		\$0.07

h) Minimum charge for utility is the meter charge.

- i) For large-scale users, if KWH usage exceeds 400,000, the entire bill will be calculated using the rate applicable to 400,000+ KWH.

- j) In no case shall the cost billed to customer be lower than the city's actual cost to purchase power. Large volume rates shall be subject to the same cost adjustment as all other electric rates

- k) Any installation requested by customer that requires installation of a pole will be subject to a fee of \$500.00/per pole.

1. Hi-Lighters:

- a. Installation of Highlighter charge: \$200.00.
- b. If installation requires pole there will be an additional fee of \$500.00.
- c. Monthly charge: \$10.00.

l) Sewer Rates:

1. Residential/Commercial/Industrial:

Year	Customer Meter Charge	Each Gallon
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2023	21.53	0.00442
2024	21.75	0.00446
2025	21.97	0.00450
2026	22.19	0.00454
2027	22.41	0.00458
2028	22.63	0.00462
2029	22.85	0.00466

- a. For residential customers the monthly user charge will be based on water consumption.
 - a.1. If a commercial or industrial contributor has a consumptive use of water, or in some other manner uses water which is not returned to the wastewater collection system, the user charge for that contributor may be based on a wastewater meter or separate water meter installed and maintained at the contributor's expense, and in a manner acceptable to the city.

2. Customers Outside City Limits:

Year	Customer Meter Charge	Each Gallon
2023	26.92	0.00552
2024	27.19	0.00558
2025	27.46	0.00564
2026	27.73	0.00570
2027	28.00	0.00576
2028	28.27	0.00582
2029	28.54	0.00588

- m) Solid waste collection and disposal:
 - 1. Residential/Commercial/Industrial

<i>Refuse Rates (2025)</i>	<i>Monthly Rate</i>	<i>Additional Container</i>
Residential rate per dwelling unit	\$15.00	
Commercial minimum rate	\$25.00	
Shared dumpsters (1 shared by 2 or more businesses)	\$25.00	n/a
Once a week collection (first container)	\$25.00	\$21.00
Two collections per week (first container)	\$40.00	\$34.00
Three collections per week (first container)	\$52.00	\$44.00
Four collections per week (first container)	\$63.00	\$54.00
Five collections per week (first container)	\$75.00	\$64.00
Service outside city limits (125% of the city rate)		

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Commercial minimum rate	\$26.00	
Shared dumpsters (1 shared by 2 or more businesses)	\$26.00	n/a
Once a week collection (first container)	\$26.00	\$21.00
Two collections per week (first container)	\$41.00	\$34.00
Three collections per week (first container)	\$53.00	\$44.00
Four collections per week (first container)	\$64.00	\$54.00
Five collections per week (first container)	\$76.00	\$64.00
Service outside city limits (125% of the city rate)		

- 2. Dumpster Rental Rates:
 - a. \$50 per day.
 - b. \$150 per week.
 - c. \$75 per weekend.
 - d. Dumped once per day (M-F).
 - e. Dumpster rental fees shall be prepaid at City Hall prior to dumpster delivery.

- n) Stormwater fee: **\$4.00** per water meter per month.

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Section Two: Old Section 16-36 of Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Neodesha is hereby repealed.

Section Three: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its publication in the official city newspaper for the March 31, 2026 billing date.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve Ordinance 1830 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the annual Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Wilson County. No changes have been made from the previous year. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the agreement with Wilson County for solid waste disposal as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the purchase or lease of a skid steer for the Public Works Department. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the lease of a skid steer from White Star Machinery & Supply in an amount not to exceed \$10,500 per year. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

At 5:14 p.m. Commissioner Banzet departed from the meeting.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a quote received for the purchase of a server for the Police Department. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the quote from Midwest Computer Sales in an amount not to exceed \$17,000. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried 2 – 0.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding an appointment to the Rankin Memorial Library Board. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to appoint Louise Campbell to the Rankin Memorial Library Board to fill the unexpired four-year vacant term, with a term ending date of April 30, 2026. Seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion carried 2 – 0.

Public Comments were again invited and heard.

At 5:27 p.m. Commissioner Banzet returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Banzet 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 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried. The Zoom recording was placed on hold with audio, video and recording functions suspended.

At 5:50 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.

Commissioner Banzet moved to extend the Executive Session an additional 10 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried. The Zoom recording was placed on hold with audio, video and recording functions suspended.

At 6:00 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.

Commissioner Banzet moved to extend the Executive Session an additional 5 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried. The Zoom recording was placed on hold with audio, video and recording functions suspended.

At 6:05 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.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

At 6:06 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