

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 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. 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 April 22, 2026 Meeting; and Appropriation (2026) 08. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation designating the week of May 10 – 16, 2026 as National Police Week, and to further recognize May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. A special thanks was given to Chief Sam Tomlinson and the Neodesha Police Department for their dedication and service to our community.

Due to the potential length of the public hearings scheduled after the reading of the proclamation, Mayor Johnson moved Business Item 4F, to the beginning of the meeting.

The Governing Body welcomed Miranda Carpenter, Erica Johnson and Betty Walters for a presentation on the most recent round of Pathways Grant monies. This round will be for further improvements to Riverwalk Park. A resolution is necessary to begin the process. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS MAKING THE CITY OF NEODESHA ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A NONCOMPETITIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE PATHWAYS TO A HEALTHY KANSAS PLACEMAKING PACKAGE:

WHEREAS, the City of Neodesha signed a Placemaking Package Pledge on June 2, 2025 to explore a partnership with the Stay Strong Live Long Wilson County Health Coalition (SSLL) and the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas initiative (Pathways) to enhance a location in the community to promote community pride and morale, provide opportunities for social gatherings, elevate the historical significance of the area, and encourage community members to be physically active in a commercial tobacco free/vape-free space;

WHEREAS, the City of Neodesha provides opportunities for community members to come together to be physically active and socialize through the City's Riverwalk Park, located at 1320 Wisconsin Street in the City of Neodesha;

WHEREAS, Riverwalk Park is in need of permanent ADA accessible, unisex, family-friendly restroom facilities to support the enjoyment and use of Riverwalk Park by community members;

WHEREAS, the City of Neodesha is eligible for a noncompetitive implementation grant of up to \$50,000 through Pathways to install a permanent restroom facility that includes one unisex single-stall bathroom that is ADA accessible and has a baby-changing station with appropriate signage at Riverwalk Park to improve access, usability, and overall community health outcomes associated with park use once the City of Neodesha meets minimum requirements as outlined in the Pathways Pledge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Neodesha will provide matching dollars and in-kind labor and materials to supplement the Pathways implementation grant to cover the total cost of \$61,000 for the Riverwalk Park restroom addition.

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

SECTION 1: The Governing Body of the City of Neodesha adopts the above recitals as their findings.

SECTION 2: The City Administrator is further authorized to apply for and accept a noncompetitive Pathways Implementation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and to carry out the project as described in the attached project description.

SECTION 3: The Governing Body of the City of Neodesha directs and authorizes the City Administrator, or any of that person's designees to act on behalf of the City of Neodesha and work with City of Neodesha officials, SSLL, and representatives from Pathways to execute any agreements, contracts, or other policies needed to fulfill the minimum requirements of the Placemaking package and apply for an implementation grant.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from its adoption.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve Resolution 26-10 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 603 Walnut Street, the public hearing was opened. Property owner Angela Millis was present for the hearing. Discussion held. The hearing was then closed.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a resolution that addresses the abatement of the property located at 603 Walnut Street. Discussion held.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-08

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 603 Walnut Street, The garage located on premises. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block 2, Subdivision Northlawn Addition, Neodesha City, Wilson County, Kansas 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 9th day of February, 2026 file on behalf of 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 11th day of March, 2026, 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 **WHEREAS**, such Resolution was published in the official city paper on the 19th day of March 2026, and on the 26th day of March 2026, and a copy of such Resolution was served on all persons entitled thereto in all respects as provided by law; and **WHEREAS**, on this 13th day of May 2026, 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 603 Walnut Street, the garage located on premises. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block 2, Subdivision Northlawn Addition, Neodesha City, Wilson County, Kansas,** to be repaired or abated and the premises made safe and secure. The owner of such structure is hereby given **30 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 26-08 as presented, allowing the property owner 30 days to abate the property located at 603 Walnut Street, as directed. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

This being the time and date published in the official newspaper for the hearing on the abatement of the property located at 114 S 9th Street, the public hearing was opened. Property owner Todd Eustice was present for the hearing. Discussion held. The hearing was then closed.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a resolution that addresses the abatement of the property located at 114 S 9th Street. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 114 South 9th Street, LEGAL DESCRIPTION: North half (N/2) of the East Half (E/2) of Lots Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), Block Forty-three (43), in 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 19th day of February, 2026 file on behalf of 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 25th day of March, 2026, 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 **WHEREAS**, such Resolution was published in the official city paper on the 2nd day of April 2026, and on the 9th day of April 2026, and a copy of such Resolution was served on all persons entitled thereto in all respects as provided by law; and **WHEREAS**, on this 13th day of May 2026, 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 114 South 9th Street, LEGAL DESCRIPTION: North half (N/2) of the East Half (E/2) of Lots Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), Block Forty-three (43), in the city of Neodesha,** to be repaired or abated and the premises made safe and secure. The owner of such structure is hereby given **30 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.

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Commissioner Banzet moved to approve Resolution 26-09 as presented, allowing the property owner 30 days to abate the property located at 114 S 9th Street, as directed. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding bids obtained for the purchase of transformers. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to approve the bid for transformers from Midwest Electric Transformer Service in an amount not to exceed \$42,000. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a quote obtained for the repair of the fire department's ladder truck. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to approve the quote from Emergency Apparatus Maintenance Inc in an amount not to exceed \$16,000. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the reappointment of members to the Rankin Memorial Library Board. Discussion held.

Commissioner Truelove moved to reappoint Louise Campell and Treva Scott to the Rankin Memorial Library Board for four-year terms, both with a term ending date of April 30, 2030. Seconded by Commissioner Banzet. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding a reappointment to the Neodesha Housing Authority Board. Discussion held.

Commissioner Banzet moved to reappoint Aiko Waggoner to the Neodesha Housing Authority Board for a four-year term, with a term ending date of May 31, 2030. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

Administrator Jones addressed the Commission regarding the upcoming 2027 Budget. Staff have already begun the process and would like to gather input and priorities from the Commission. Discussion held. No action taken.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

At 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Banzet moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Truelove. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Duane Banzet

Duane Banzet, Vice-Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk