

City of Neodesha Quarterly Report

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Prepared for the Community



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City Administrator Letter

City of Neodesha Quarterly Administrator Update

Dear Neodesha Residents,

The third quarter of 2026 brought several exciting developments and important investments in Neodesha's future. From securing significant grant funding to improving our streets and celebrating the success of a local business, we continue to see positive momentum throughout our community.

One of the quarter's most significant accomplishments was the announcement that the City of Neodesha has been awarded a \$1,383,400 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the Granby Street Improvement Project. This funding will be paired with a \$750,000 grant from the Kansas Community Development Block Grant program, providing a combined \$2,133,400 in grant funding.

The Granby Street project will improve a critical industrial transportation corridor serving several of Neodesha's major employers. These improvements will provide a safer and more reliable roadway for employees, commercial traffic, and nearby residents while supporting continued business investment and economic growth.

The City also moved forward with its 2026 PressurePave project, representing an investment of nearly \$400,000 in the preservation of our local streets. The project addressed portions of North Eighth Street from Osage Street to Church Street, Tank Avenue from North Eighth Street to North Fourth Street, North Fourth Street from Tank Avenue to Granby Street, Granby Street from North Eighth Street to North Sixth Street, and the north and south sections of Timber Ridge west of North Fourth Street.

PressurePave is designed to extend the useful life of existing pavement by sealing the roadway, improving the driving surface, and protecting the underlying street structure. This approach allows the City to preserve high-traffic streets before they deteriorate to the point of requiring a much more expensive reconstruction project.

I was also pleased to attend the 2026 Kansas to the Stars banquet, which recognizes outstanding achievements in economic development across Kansas. Neodesha was proudly represented by CHOFO, which was nominated in the Main Street Momentum category. This statewide recognition reflects the commitment, creativity, and investment CHOFO has brought to our downtown and community. We congratulate them on this well-deserved nomination and appreciate their continued investment in Neodesha.

These accomplishments demonstrate what is possible when the City, local businesses, community organizations, and our state and federal partners work together. We remain committed to making strategic investments that strengthen our infrastructure, support economic development, and improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Neodesha home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brogan Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brogan" and last name "Jones" clearly legible.

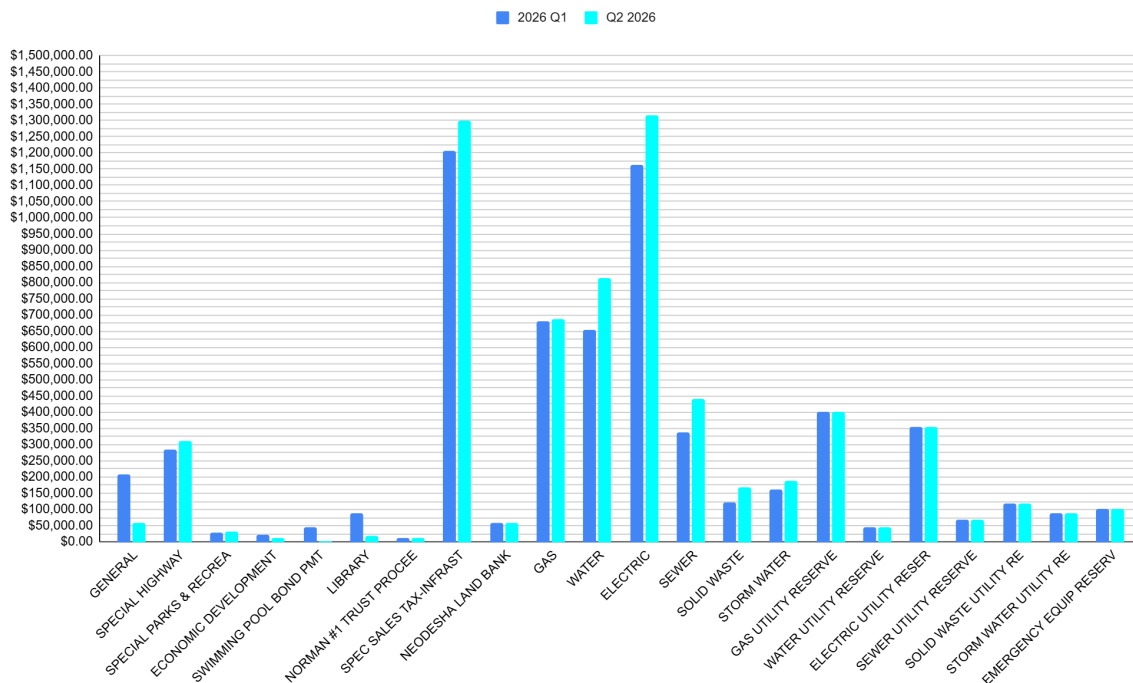
Brogan Jones M.P.A.
City Administrator
City of Neodesha



Financial Report & Summary

The accompanying chart provides a comparison of the City's fund balances at the end of the first and second quarters of 2026. During the second quarter, several of the City's largest funds—including Infrastructure, Electric, Water, and Sewer—experienced increases. These changes reflect the timing of revenues, transfers, operating expenses, and planned capital expenditures throughout the year.

The General Fund balance decreased during the quarter as the City continued to fund its normal operations and scheduled expenses. Most utility reserve accounts remained stable, while smaller funds experienced only minor changes. Because fund balances naturally fluctuate throughout the year, the figures shown represent a snapshot in time and should be viewed within the context of the City's annual budget and planned expenditures. Overall, the City continues to carefully monitor its financial position and maintain appropriate balances to support daily operations, future projects, and unexpected needs.



Department Reports

Police Department

During the reporting period, the Neodesha Police Department made more than 25 arrests, completed over 94 reports, and issued more than 137 written warnings and citations. Officers also continued preparing cases and participating in the City's weekly Municipal Court proceedings.

The department completed all C-POST-mandated annual continuing-education requirements by the June 30, 2026, deadline. Officers have continued attending training courses to earn the continuing-education hours required for the new C-POST reporting year.

Administrative work during the quarter included continued preparation of the department's budget and work on an active grant application. Staff also prepared for National Night Out, which was held on August 4, 2026, as an opportunity for residents to meet local law-enforcement officers and strengthen community partnerships.

The department also received two new patrol vehicles through the City's Enterprise Fleet Management leasing program. These vehicles will help modernize the department's fleet and provide officers with safe, reliable equipment while serving the community.

Fire Department

The Neodesha Fire Department responded to 26 calls during the second quarter of 2026, including nine calls in April, nine in May, and eight in June. The department currently has 14 volunteer firefighters on its active roster.

Volunteer firefighters completed 20 hours of regular departmental training during the quarter. In addition, the Fire Chief and other volunteers completed approximately 43 hours of specialized training and continuing education.

The department also completed several important inspections and equipment certifications. On April 8, annual testing was completed on the department's ground ladders and aerial tower, with all equipment passing inspection. On May 11, all 16 self-contained breathing apparatus air packs passed their required testing. Annual pump testing was completed on June 26, with all fire apparatus passing and receiving certification for 2026. Firefighters also conducted inspections of local fireworks stands on June 26.

Training remained a priority throughout the quarter. Neodesha volunteers attended the Kansas State Firefighters Association Fire School in Caney on June 12 and 13. The Fire Chief also attended a Church Safety Fundamentals course in Pittsburg on June 18.

The department continued its involvement in regional emergency planning and community outreach. Neodesha hosted the Wilson County Local Emergency Planning Committee on April 16, participated in Heller Elementary School's Touch-a-Truck event on April 21, and attended the Wilson County 911 Committee meeting on April 28. In May, the department participated in two PTO activities that allowed a student to ride a fire truck to school and another student to have lunch with the Fire Chief. Firefighters also assisted with the high school's end-of-year Paint Wars activity by washing paint from participating students.

Upcoming projects include completing Kansas Department of Transportation certifications for the department's engines and ladder apparatus, conducting annual fire-hose testing, and participating in joint traffic-incident and rescue training with the Neodesha Police Department in October.

Public Works Department

Public Works staff completed several infrastructure and beautification projects during the quarter. A new drinking fountain was installed at Barney's South, and approximately 115 feet of sidewalk was replaced around the facility. Crews also installed the new sign at the Norman No. 1 Museum and removed fencing around the swimming pool to improve the facility's appearance.

The Water Department repaired approximately five water leaks and corrected numerous water stops that were not holding properly when shut off. The City's utility-mapping project is now approximately 80% complete. Once finished, the mapping system will provide more accurate infrastructure information that can be easily accessed and shared when needed.

Seasonal mowing and brush-hogging operations continued throughout the community. Crews also received a new supply of cold-patch material and began filling potholes at various locations.

Staff began replacing worn and outdated stop signs as the first phase of a long-term sign-replacement program. Moving forward, the department plans to select one or two categories of signs each year for systematic replacement.

The Gas Department responded to several minor leak calls during the quarter. These incidents were primarily related to leaks inside residences or near meter sets, and no major issues with the City's gas-distribution system were identified.

Water Production

The Neodesha Splash Zone began the summer with a successful opening day and remained open throughout the season, weather permitting. As the swimming season concluded, Water Production staff began preparing the facility for winter. This work includes winterizing the pump house and bathhouse, removing and storing seasonal equipment such as canopies and buckets, and protecting the climbing wall with a new cover purchased this year.

During May, staff completed the annual free-chlorine burn of the City's water system. This preventative maintenance process helps clean the distribution system and maintain water quality.

From July 21 through July 24, Donnie and Jake attended the annual KDHE Water and Wastewater Operator School in Topeka. Donnie earned continuing-education credits toward his existing certifications, and both employees completed certification testing at the conclusion of the school. Jake tested for his Class I Water Operator certification, while Donnie tested for his Class IV Water Operator certification.

In August, the City received notice of a water-quality violation related to an elevated level of haloacetic acids, commonly referred to as HAA. Haloacetic acids are disinfection byproducts that can form when naturally occurring organic matter interacts with chlorine during the water-treatment process.

In response, the City completed extensive cleaning and maintenance at the Water Production Plant and throughout the distribution system. Staff also increased monitoring and took corrective steps to address the conditions that contributed to the elevated reading. The violation did not indicate an immediate emergency, and the City's water remained safe to drink. The Water Production Department will continue monitoring the system and working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to maintain compliance and protect the quality of Neodesha's drinking water.

Economic Development

The City's contract with MakeMyMove concluded in September. Using the experience and information gained through that partnership, City Administrator Brogan Jones has begun developing a locally managed resident-recruitment program. Housing availability, particularly rental housing, remains one of the greatest challenges to successfully recruiting new residents. To help address this issue, Tommy has scheduled a Landlord Forum for November 3. The forum will explore ways the City can improve communication with local landlords and better share information about available rental properties.

Housing development also continues at McCartney Lane. The final home constructed in the subdivision, located at 1704 N. Second Street remains available for purchase following a recent price adjustment.

The City has begun discussions with developer Larry Carver regarding the possibility of bringing a Marriott franchise to the U.S. 400 and U.S. 75 intersection. A hotel at this location would help meet an important community need and would complement the new Casey's convenience store that the City hopes will begin construction in 2027.

Larry Carver's renovation of Carver Home & Office Furniture was selected as a regional winner for the Kansas Department of Commerce's to the Stars Award. The renovation represents a significant investment in downtown Neodesha and has transformed an important commercial property. The awards banquet will be held October 8th in Overland

Park, and the City has reserved tables to support CHOFO and celebrate this statewide recognition.

The Neodesha Historical Museum hosted its second annual Road Closed Festival on August 29. Despite the hot weather, the event was successful, and the dunk tank proved especially popular. The museum also received new signage through a generous donation of labor from Tindle Construction.

The City is currently pursuing two grant opportunities to support improvements at the museum. The first would provide funding for a new computer and the development of a standalone museum website. The second would support the rehabilitation or replacement of the Norman No. 1 oil derrick and improvements to the museum exterior. Funding provided by the Neodesha Community Foundation would be used as a local match for the derrick project.

The City's continued partnership with the Wilson County Stay Strong Live Long Coalition has also resulted in a new improvement for Riverwalk Park. With assistance from a \$50,000 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas grant, the City has ordered a storage-container restroom facility for the park. Existing utility connections near the north side of the RV parking area will allow City crews to assist with site preparation and utility installation.

Staff attended the Kansas Housing Conference in Overland Park from August 24–26. One idea being explored following the conference is the establishment of a community development company that could provide readily available funding for business recruitment and expansion. Staff also plan to attend the Kansas Economic Development Conference in Wichita from September 28–30 to continue building partnerships and identifying opportunities for Neodesha.

Court

From March 1 through September 21, 2026, the Neodesha Municipal Court managed 154 active cases. Fines and fees assessed during this period totaled \$22,173, with \$16,799.50 collected as of September 21. This represents a collection rate of approximately 75.8% and reflects consistent revenue from court fines, fees, and related sources.

Upcoming Events

September

- **Amazon Women of the Coal Mines Presentation** — September 26 at 2:00 p.m. Presented through the Kansas Humanities Council and sponsored by the library, museum, and arts center.
- **New to Medicare Seminar** — September 28 at noon at Wilson Medical Center. Registration is required.
- **Kansas Economic Development Conference** — September 28–30 in Wichita.

October

- **Neodesha High School Homecoming Football Game** — October 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Neodesha Historical Museum's Final Weekend** — October 2 from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and October 3 from 9:00 a.m.–noon.
- **Kansas To the Stars Awards Banquet** — October 8 in Overland Park.
- **Columbus Day** — October 12; City Hall will remain open.
- **Sip & Shop with Downtown Merchants** — October 14 at 5:00 p.m., sponsored by the Neodesha Area Chamber of Commerce.
- **Mammos & Massages** — October 17 from 9:00 a.m.–noon at Wilson Medical Center.
- **Independence Neewollah Celebration** — October 26–31.
- **Heller Halloween Parade on Main Street** — October 29 at 1:30 p.m.

November

- **Landlord Forum** — November 3.
- **Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner** — November 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday** — City Hall will be closed November 26 and 27.

December

- **Annual Christmas Parade** — December 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Holiday** — City Hall will be closed December 24 and 25.

Ongoing Community Activities

- **Neodesha Economic Development Committee:** Third Wednesday of each month at noon at Wilson Medical Center.
- **Women's Pickleball:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.
- **Fun Day at Rankin Memorial Library:** All day every Monday.

- **Adult Exercise at Rankin Memorial Library:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- **Tootsie Roll Tuesdays:** Story and play time every Tuesday from 10:00–11:30 a.m. at Rankin Memorial Library.
- **Wilson Medical Center Adult Exercise Class:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church.
- **Coffee at the Senior Center:** Every Monday at 9:00 a.m.
- **Senior Center Covered-Dish Dinner:** Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- **Lunch with Friends:** Fourth Thursday of each month at noon at the Senior Center.
- **Neodesha Food Bank:** Second and fourth Wednesdays from 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Eagles Steak Night:** First Saturday of each month from 5:00–9:00 p.m.

USD 461 Event Calendar

Stay connected with our local schools by reviewing the USD 461 Events Calendar. The calendar highlights upcoming academic activities, athletic events, performances, meetings, and other opportunities to support Neodesha students and staff. Community members are encouraged to attend and show their Bluestreak pride!

<https://www.neodesha.k12.ks.us/events>

FAQ'S

How can citizens help address train blockages at the Granby Street crossing?

Residents can help by reporting each blockage directly to Union Pacific through its online reporting system. Individual reports provide Union Pacific with direct notice of the incident and help document how frequently the crossing is blocked.

[Report a blocked crossing to Union Pacific](#)

What information should I include in my report?

When possible, provide the following information:

- The location: Granby Street railroad crossing in Neodesha, Kansas
- The date and approximate time the blockage began
- How long the crossing was blocked
- Whether the train was stopped or moving
- Any impacts on traffic, businesses, residents, or emergency access
- Photographs taken from a safe location, if available

Please submit your report only after you have safely left the area. Do not take photographs or complete the online form while driving.

Should I report a blockage even if the City already knows about it?

Yes. The City continues to document and report extended blockages, but reports submitted directly by residents provide Union Pacific with additional information about the frequency and community impact of the problem.

What should I do if the blockage creates an emergency?

Call 911 immediately for any life-threatening emergency. Union Pacific also directs the public to call its emergency line at **888-877-7267** for urgent railroad-related incidents, including vehicles stopped on railroad tracks or other immediate safety concerns. [Union Pacific reporting information](#)

What safety precautions should I follow?

Never drive around lowered crossing gates, stop on the tracks, enter railroad property, or attempt to cross between train cars. Remain patient, use an alternate route when available, and submit your report once you are safely parked.

How do I pay my bill?

Residents may conveniently view and pay utility bills online through Payment Service Network or by visiting www.neodesha.org to create an account. Payments may also be made in person at City Hall using cash, check, or credit card, or by utilizing the secure drop box located just outside the front entrance.

What is the fuel adjustment charge for electric and gas services?

Fuel adjustments are used by the City to recover costs associated with purchasing and delivering electricity and natural gas to Neodesha residents. These charges reflect fluctuations in market prices and operational costs and are passed through without markup.

Electric Fuel Adjustment (ECA):

The electric fuel adjustment is based primarily on three major cost components: the cost to purchase power, transmission costs (the cost to deliver electricity to the city), and capacity costs (payments associated with maintaining generation resources such as the 4th and Tank generators). Additional minor factors include distribution losses and other related expenses. Together, these adjustments account for less than 20% of the typical electric bill.

Example (for illustration purposes only):

If total power-related costs equal \$320,000 and total usage is 3,000,000 Kilo Watt Hours (kWh), the adjusted cost would be \$0.1067 per kWh. After subtracting the City's base cost of \$0.045 per kWh, the resulting fuel adjustment would be \$0.0616 per kWh.

Gas Fuel Adjustment:

The gas fuel adjustment operates similarly and is driven primarily by the cost of purchasing natural gas, transportation costs, and storage withdrawals. Additional smaller factors include storage injection costs and system losses.

Example (for illustration purposes only):

If total gas-related costs equal \$265,000 and total consumption is 380,000 CCF, the adjusted cost would be \$0.0697 per CCF. After subtracting the City's base cost of \$0.040 per CCF, the resulting fuel adjustment would be \$0.0297 per CCF.

When does the city operate the Neodesha Generation Center?

These generators restore Neodesha's ability to produce electricity locally for the first time in more than 20 years, marking a major step forward in strengthening the City's energy independence and reliability. By adding local generation, the City can reduce reliance on external suppliers, better manage energy costs, and maintain a dependable backup power source during outages and periods of grid instability. The decision to bring the generators online will be based on the expected duration of an

outage. Because it takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to fully start up the generation center and begin producing power, the City will typically deploy the generators in situations where power is anticipated to be unavailable for longer than that timeframe. This ensures the system is used efficiently and only when it will provide a clear benefit to residents. While the generators cannot restore service to areas where local distribution lines are physically damaged until repairs are completed, they significantly improve the City's ability to respond to broader supply disruptions and extreme weather events. In many cases, once operational, they allow power to be restored much more quickly than waiting on external sources. Overall, this investment enhances service reliability, helps shield the community from volatile energy markets, and ensures Neodesha is better prepared to maintain power for its residents when it is needed most.

Why haven't I received my bill?

This is a question we have received frequently following recent changes within the U.S. Postal Service. The City of Neodesha processes and mails all utility bills the last business day of each month once billing is complete. However, due to changes in postal operations, our mail is now routed through Kansas City for processing before delivery. This has resulted in delays, with some customers receiving their bills after the due date.

The City has communicated with postal representatives regarding this issue; however, these changes are outside of our control. While we are hopeful that delivery times will improve overtime, the City does not have the ability to alter current postal procedures.

If you have not received your utility bill by the 10th of the month, we encourage you to contact City Hall. Staff can provide your balance over the phone or print a copy of your bill for you in person. We understand this situation is frustrating and appreciate your patience as we work to assist residents in minimizing any inconvenience.

What do the abbreviations on my bill mean?

- GS - Gas
- FA - Fuel Adjustment (same abbreviation for both gas and electric)
- WA - Water
- EL - Electric
- SC - Sewer Charge
- SW - Solid Waste (trash)
- ST - Storm Water
- WP - Water Protection Fee
- HL - Highlighter
- TX - Sales Tax

