

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION-FINANCIAL WORK SESSION  
NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL  
June 24, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
203 East Main St., Neosho, MO**

A quorum being present, Mayor Doubek called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Charles Collinsworth, Richard Davidson, William Doubek, Julie Humphrey, and Angela Thomas

COUNCIL ABSENT: Tyler DeWitt and Ashton Robinson were absent and excused by Council.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: Jordan Paul, City Attorney; David Kennedy, City Manager; Cheyenne Wright, City Clerk, minutes taken by City Clerk.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Doubek asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Davidson made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilwoman Thomas seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Richard Davidson – Yes

William Doubek – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

Motion carried.

**CLOSED**

Mayor Doubek asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for:

Section 610.021 (1) RSMo...Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Councilwoman Thomas made a motion to go into closed session under Section 610.021 (1); Councilman Collinsworth seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Richard Davidson – Yes

William Doubek – Yes

Julie Humphrey – Yes

Angela Thomas – Yes

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Charles Collinsworth – Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Doubek closed the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 5:57 p.m. and announced that no votes were taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS - *Financial Work Session***

#### **1. Public Safety Tax**

City Manager Kennedy addressed Council stating that the Public Safety Tax was passed during the June 2, 2020, election. This tax was expected to bring in around \$1.2 million dollars. The salary step increases for both Fire and Police Departments were put into place and went into effect in January when the sales tax started coming in. The public was told that this money would go towards raises for emergency personnel, to pay off the 2019 ladder truck, to purchase a new fire engine and then to start saving for a public safety center.

There was discussion on whether or not to pay off the ladder truck yet.

Finance Director Pevahouse stated that sales tax is up 12%.

#### **2. Fire Department Budget**

#### **3. Fire Sales Tax**

City Manager Kennedy addressed Council stating that Capitol Improvements for this department would include paying off the Ladder Truck at \$752,000, buying water rescue equipment (two motorized water rescue boats with trailers and one raft boat) \$46,120, and 9 new mattresses for the stations \$9,000.

#### **4. Police Budget**

City Manager Kennedy stated that the Police Budget did not change a lot. The budget has been attached to the minutes.

#### **5. Police Department Donations**

Discussion was held regarding DARE and Shop with a Hero Donations.

#### **6. Emergency Management**

City Manager informed Council that the Blue Valley Agreement for the storm sirens increased this last year which increased the Professional Services line item.

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**ADJOURN**

Mayor Doubek asked if there was any further business to come before Council, with no response, he asked for a motion to adjourn; a motion was made by Councilman Collinsworth; seconded by Councilwoman Humphrey; unanimous vote to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Doubek adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**NEOSHO CITY COUNCIL**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**