Regular City Council Meeting 1-21-2026

The Regular City Council meeting for the City of Neola opened at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Karla Pogge was present along with city council members Robb Lockey, Charles Redinbaugh, and Ty Ungrad. Others in attendance were Wyatt Crocker, Wyatt Aufdenberg, Susan Harris, Clint Fichter, Joe Munch, Jon Taylor of Lycos Industries, Mike Jorgensen of Snyder and Associates, Denise Dickerson, Noah Dickerson, Lisa Zimmerman, Kelly Daughenbaugh, Randy Ring, David Schierbrock, Wes Zimmerman, Derek Schierbrock, and Trevor Carlson.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Redinbaugh and seconded by Lockey. All in favor.

Motion by Redinbaugh and seconded by Ungrad to approve consent agenda. All in favor.

Public comments were heard from the following: Joe Munch appreciated the city's efforts over the years to control traffic on Front Street within the city limits. He noted the city has looked at various options and encouraged the city to continue its efforts.

Noah Dickerson updated the city council on his communications with Pottawattamie County Secondary Roads Dept and property owners that could be affected by the 2026 fireworks public event. Motion by Ungrad and seconded by Redinbaugh approve for the public purpose of providing the 2026 July 4th Fireworks event to Noah Dickerson. All in favor.

Mike Jorgensen, Snyders and Associates, presented the final specifications to the 2025 Street Improvements, breakdown of expenses and timetable. Motion by Ungrad, seconded by Redinbaugh to approve Resolution # 26-0121-01 approving and authorizing bids for the final 2025 Street Improvements with a contingency up t $676,632.00. Roll Call vote: Lockey aye, Redinbaugh aye and Ugrad aye.

Discussion was held with Jon Taylor regarding Meyerring Hill addition. Proposal to build 4 homes in 2026. No action taken and will be put on February agenda.

Discussion was held on the Tri-Center Soccer and public use of soccer goals and nets. Superintendent Angie Huseman presented four options through written communication. Kelly Daughenbaugh and Randy Ring spoke on behalf of Tri-Center. Motion made by Redinbaugh and seconded by Lockey to enter Partnership Option 2 with a 10-year contract. All in favor.

Discussion was held regarding a new copy print machine lease. Motion by Lockey and second by Redinbaugh to accept the offer from Century Business Products, Scott Shelburne, Option 3 in the amount of $158 monthly lease. All in Favor.

Discussion was held regarding tree removal at 101 2nd St. and public safety concerns. Motion by Redinbaugh seconded by Lockey to offer property owner a payment plan over two years to have tree removed by the city. All in favor.

Discussion was held regarding recodification of the Neola City Code. A work session is planned for Sat., Feb 21, 2026, at city hall at 8am.

Discussion was held regarding the Fiscal Year budget 2026-27. Fichter presented preliminary figures. A work session will be held immediately after the regular city council meeting on Feb. 18, 2026.

Motion by Ungrad and seconded by Redinbaugh to go into closed session at 6:47 pm pursuant to Iowa Cod 21.5 (1) to discuss hiring of city clerk. All in favor. Lockey recused himself from closed session. Kody Martin entered the meeting via phone call at 6:48p. Motion by Ungrad and seconded by Martin to re-enter open meeting at 7:07pm. All in favor.

Motion by Ungrad and seconded by Redinbaugh to approve Ember Lockey as City Clerk for $22.50 per hour and begin as soon as possible in February. Lockey abstain. Redinbaugh, Ungrad and Martin were all in favor.

Employee Reports: Harris presented a report on utilities from last month. There were 50 delinquent letters, 13 red tags and no shut offs. Update to the new phone system with Marne Elk Horn Communications as well as changes and additions to Budget Billing. Crocker and Aufdenberg reported on Public Works matters: End of year report and filings completed; REC pole changes outs; holiday decoration organized and put away; continue to monitor ice buildup and sludge at water/wastewater plant; checking all diesel and other winterized locations; and concluded with water treatment project update.

Elected Official Comments: No comments.

Motion to adjourn made by Redinbaugh and seconded by Lockey. All in favor. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:42pm.

Karla Pogge, Mayor **ATTEST: Susan Harris, Interim City Clerk**