



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 14, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Kevin Jansen, Engineer Tom Overmyer, J.J. Klein, John Klein, and Catherine Klein.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 24, as well as the special meeting minutes of March 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

REVOLVING LOAN APPLICATION

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the city received a revolving loan application from Ski-Four, Inc., dba, Neoga IGA. After reviewing the application, the revolving loan fund committee asked the applicants for a first mortgage on some type of property, explaining that the city usually has a first on loans over \$50,000. Evans said after a second meeting, the committee still could not come to a recommendation, so the committee is asking the Council to proceed with the understanding the committee did not come to a unanimous decision. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the council was to wait until all council members were present before voting.

PEACE CORPS FELLOW PROGRAM

City Clerk Evans informed the council that there is an opportunity to host a Peace Corps Fellow in Neoga through the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. This program would allow the candidate to work closely with the MAPPING groups as well as the city. According to Evans, the cost to have a Peace Corps Fellow is usually \$20-\$25,000; however, there are USDA grants and other programs to help reduce the cost to around \$5,000. It would be the responsibility of the City to pay the \$5,000 as well as provide office space, office supplies, a computer, and printer, travel expenses, and any other necessary personnel. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the issue until all members were present. Evans explained that the Peace Corps Fellow would be at the next meeting to answer any other questions they may have.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

No report was given

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

After viewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke ordered the financial reports to be placed into the files of the City Clerk

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

RESOLUTION #04-04-14 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for an Easement to Locate a Municipal Sign with Matthew W. Romack d/b/a Romar Development and Construction

After reviewing the proposed resolution, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

RESOLUTION #05-04-14 A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code

After reviewing the proposed resolution for MFT funds, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

IKE GRANT

Tom Overmyer explained to the council that he has conducted a thorough background check on the low bidder (Klien Excavating) for the drainage ditch project. Overmyer said that Klien Excavating has done numerous projects with IDOT as well as local counties. Overmyer contacted references and received glowing remarks about their company. They are a small company, but they do have the equipment and expertise in this type of project. Overmyer introduced the owners of the company and asked that the council vote on awarding the bid at the next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date