



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 22, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, and Engineer Tom Overmyer.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from April 8, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Clerk Evans explained that a committee will need to be appointed for the Neoga comprehensive plan that Cole County Regional Planning is working on. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to appoint all Neoga council members, Dusty Hakman, and Jeff Morrison to the steering committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

SUMMER HELP

City Clerk Evans said that Commissioner Groves couldn't be at the meeting but asked the council to discuss hiring 1-2 employees for the summer in the public works department. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hire two part time employees for the summer at minimum wage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PARKING LOT

The Council discussed selling the public parking lot located in the 200 block of east 6th Street. Evans said that the Council has two options as far as selling property. One is to take sealed bids, and the other is by selling the property at 80% of the appraised value. Commissioner Hartke made a motion to sell the property at 80% of the appraised value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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MAPPING UPDATE

City Treasurer Diana Foor updated the Council on the last mapping session. Foor explained some grants like Safe Path to School, and ITEP. Foor said that the beatification group is asking council to do a 20% match for the grant, which will be coming up in the next couple years, by setting a dollar amount aside in the general reserve fund earmarked for beatification projects. Modglin said he feels the Council needs to support the entire mapping group.

CREATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE

City Clerk Evans told the council that she had received a liquor application from G.R.D. Inc. (the Depot) asking for a Class D liquor license. According to Evans, the owners would like to sell both packaged alcohol in the convenience side and serve open alcohol in the restaurant. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to create a Class D license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that Swengel – O’Dell funeral home has asked the Council to consider selling cemetery lots located in the walkway of one section of the cemetery. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to sell the walk way in lot #13 . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 29,704.24. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

TREE WORK AT NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

The council discussed removing trees or limbs at the Neoga Memorial Cemetery, and after a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the council to not remove any trees or limbs at this time.

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PAY REQUEST FROM TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made the motion to pay the request in the amount of \$ 1596.00 for services rendered through March 31, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

LIGHTING UPGRADE BIDS

City Clerk Evans presented to the Council a spreadsheet for the bids on replacing the lights in the municipal building, annex building, shop, water plant and sewer plant. After a lengthy discussion, the council asked that City Clerk Evans seek new bids for just the municipal building, and if possible, what kind of savings there will be on the electrical cost.

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER FOR THE DESIGN GRANT

Mayor Modglin told the Council that the City has received three statements of qualifications for the 6th Street water main project. Mayor Modglin told the Council that all three are excellent choices, and the Council will need to award the engineering to one of the three. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to award the engineering work to Phoenix Consulting Engineers. Mayor Modglin expressed his concerns regarding the lengthy completion time of some of the other projects Phoenix Consulting has been working on. Engineer Overmyer said that his firm has hired additional engineers, so they will be able to handle the project. With little discussion, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

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No report was given.

IKE Drainage Grant

Engineer Tom Overmyer presented a power point presentation to the Council about the project, but no action was needed at this time.

TREE REMOVAL FOR GRANT

Commissioner Hartke opened the bids for the tree removal for the IKE Drainage Grant and the bids came in as follows:

- M & E \$17,000
- Shade Shifters \$27,550

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hartke to award the project to M & E for \$17,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

The Council reviewed the pay request from Phoenix Consulting. With little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$13,440. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley said he would like to get the Shaffer property tore down and cleaned up. Also, Lindley reminded everyone about the city wide cleanup.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date