



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 28, 2014, 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, Groves, Mayor Modglin and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Kevin McReynolds from Coles County Regional Planning, Engineer Tom Overmyer, Karen Mauldin-Curtis and John Juliano from Peace Corps Fellows Program, Floyd Holkenbrink Cumberland County Board, Todd Beard Cumberland County Board, John Balzano from Bernadi Securities, Inc., and Alan Baker.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from April 14, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Commissioner Groves abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

County Board member Floyd Holkenbrink discussed the proposed intergovernmental agreement with the county animal control. Holkenbrink said that the county was willing to help with Neoga animal control issues if the city decides to sign the agreement. Mayor Modglin thanked both Holkenbrink and Beard for attending the meeting. Modglin said that the City and the County has developed a very good working relationship, and he does not want to jeopardize that. Mayor Modglin commented that he feels the residents of Neoga already pay for this service in their county taxes just like the residents outside the corporate limits does. Modglin said that numerous times the county or townships ask the municipalities to pay for services that everyone uses. Holkenbrink explained that these services will only be charged to the municipalities if the services are rendered. Holkenbrink also told the council that section #4 in the agreement addresses the concerns about dog bites and reassured the council there would not be any charges for dog bites or emergency situations involving risk of harm or injury to citizens. After that reassurance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PEACE CORPS FELLOW PROGRAM

The Council listened to a presentation from Karen Mauldin-Curtis regarding the Peace Corps Fellow program. She explained how it works, the cost, and then introduced John Juliano who is applying for an internship from September 2014 to June 2015. According to Curtis, the program usually costs over \$25,000; however, due to sponsorship from USDA-RD and Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, the cost to the city would be just over \$5,000. It would still be the city's responsibility to find an office, equipment, and office supplies. Mayor Modglin told the Council that it is a lot of money, but if Mr. Juliano can help the local businesses and MAPPING groups it would be worth it. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the internship for a Peace Corps Fellow program at a cost of \$5000 plus office space, equipment, and supplies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REVOLVING LOAN APPLICATION

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Application for \$150,000 to Ski-Four Inc., dba Neoga IGA, pending approval of the environment review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RAILROAD COMMUNICATION TOWER

City Clerk Evans explained that the Canadian National Railroad is pursuing the placement of a 60' communication tower on railroad property at the 6th Street crossing. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Braden Law Office correspond with the railroad about moving the tower south.

PEACE MEAL OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY DONATION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to donate \$750 to the Cumberland County Peace Meal program. If the Neoga Township donated money to the program the City would match it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

No report was given

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$102,568.22. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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DONATION FOR CITY FLOWERS

City Treasurer Diana Foor told the Council that the MAPPING Group #4 will be working on planting flowers in the downtown area, and she is asking for a donation. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to donate \$750 to MAPPING Group #4 for the flowers. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REFINANCING OF BONDS

The Council listened to a presentation from John Balzano from Bernardi Securities, Inc. Balzano explained that if the City refinanced the remaining balance on the security bonds, the city could save over \$50,000. After Mr. Balzano was finished City Clerk Evans told the Council that the city has not received quotes from the local banks yet, but they should be back within the next few weeks.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

IKE GRANT

Tom Overmyer reminded the Council about the bids on the excavating for the IKE Grant. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to award the project to Klein Excavating from Pana, Illinois, at a cost of \$382,607.61. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

The Council discussed if any further action should be taken regarding the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to not take any further action at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

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No report was given

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

City Clerk Evans said that the city is still waiting for additional bids to come in; however, the dates for the city wide cleanup are May 17th for the west side & May 24th for the east side.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensations, discipline and performance at 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date