



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
AUGUST 24, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Tom Helm, Milano & Grunloh Engineer Scott Hoene, Billie Chambers, Rebecca Mueller, and Mike Burley.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from August 10, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

TRICK OR TREAT

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to set trick or treat night on October 31, from 6-8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUESTS FROM TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

After reviewing two pay requests from Taylor Law Office, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay invoice #10082171 in the amount of \$500, as well as invoice #10082170 in the amount of \$2,650.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE

Brenda Evans asked the Council to consider a special event liquor license for the Sooeystef Fall Festival which will be held on October 3rd. Evans said that at this time the committee is planning on having a free ham and bean dinner, kid's games, 5K run, beer garden and entertainment. All the activities will be held downtown on this one day event. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to issue a special event liquor license to the Neoga Partnership for Progress committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE
BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$36,135.34. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER MODGLIN
No report was given.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
AWARDING OF KEPP AVENUE BID

Commissioner Edwards informed the Council that the bid opening for Kepp Avenue was held, and the following bids were received:

A. J. Walker	\$235,826.40
Beniach Construction Co.	\$239,717.50
J. B. Esker & Son	\$243,966.60
Keiffner Brothers Construction	\$269,700.00
Sangamo Construction	\$316,907.34

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to award the bid to A. J. Walker in the amount of \$235,826.40. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CLOSING CHESTNUT AVENUE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the Neoga Partnership for Progress is still planning the "Sooeyfest" on October 3rd. Evans said the one day festival will be held downtown, and will consist of a 5K run, free Ham & Bean dinner, kids activities, car club cruise in, entertainment, and beer garden. Evans asked the Council if they would shut down Chestnut between 5th and 7th Street for parking and the activities. After a few questions, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to close the streets as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
No report was given.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Engineer Scott Hoene updated the Council on the current projects that his firm is working on. Hoene said that the Kepp Avenue is waiting on additional funding to address the drainage problems, which may allow them to start in mid-September. According to Hoene, the grant application has been sent in for the 6th Street Water Main; however, the grant will not be awarded until October or November. In regards to the waste water treatment plant, Hoene said that they are waiting on approval from EPA to construct a ditch to extend travel time before it is released downstream.

Chief of Police Andy Schabbing told the council that he has ordered two bullet proof vests at a cost of approximately \$1700. However, he is still hoping for a grant to pay for a portion of the vests. Schabbing also said that one of the computers is currently not working, and he has received quotes for at least one new computer and two docking stations. Since this was not on the agenda the Council could not take action on it.

Public Works Superintendent Tom Helm told the Council that the Neoga Partnership for Progress held another movie in the park. Helm said that they had over 90 people in attendance and made over \$195. Helm also purchased shelving for the shop which they will be assembling in the coming weeks.

GOALS

Mayor Kepp asked the Council members if they had put some short and long term goals together. Their goals were as follows:

Commissioner Edwards said that one of his goals was to understand the budget which City Clerk Evans and City Treasurer Foor explained to him in detail. One of his long term goals is to become more involved with the City and reorganize the water and sewer plants.

Commissioner Hartke concentrated more on the long term goals by working with the city employees on completing projects in a timely manner.

Commissioner Modglin said one of her goals is to work with the county on resurfacing east 6th Street and continue to improve the infrastructure and always keep an open mind on having an outside firm assume all public utilities if it is cost efficient.

Commissioner Lindley said that one goal has been achieved, and that was having the 811 Shaffer property cleaned up and the long term goal is to work closely with the local manufactures in the industrial park.

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Mayor Kepp told the Council that he would like to see the north and south end of Neoga along RT #45 cleaned up, and have the TIF district utilized. Another goal would be to see the Veterans' Memorial completed, and eventually a K9 unit for the police department. But his main goal is to attract another manufacturer to the industrial park with at least 30 employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date