



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
AUGUST 25, 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 Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Dan Dowling and Tony Reynolds from Dimond Brothers Insurance, Phoenix Consulting Tom Overmeyer, Milano & Grunloh Engineer Lee Beckman, Nick Hanfland, Neoga News editor Martin Gibson, and Linc Andrews. Commissioners Lindley and Kepp were absent.

MINUTES

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from August 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

NICK HANFLAND

Neoga resident Nick Hanfland addressed the council regarding the traffic around his property located at 1007 Locust Avenue. Hanfland said that people go around his house over 50 mph, and he is concerned about someone hitting his kids when they are riding their bikes. Mr. Hanfland asked that either speed bumps be placed in the road or signs like "children at play". It was the consensus of the Council to have the police patrol the area more, and if the city had any signs that are not in use the public works employees would place them in the area. However, Mayor Modglin warned Hanfland that after seeing a sign a couple different times, people typically ignore them or the signs don't register with them.

Hanfland also inquired about permits. According to Hanfland, he placed a pool in his back yard and recently was notified by the City Clerk that he had to have a fence installed, a pool permit, and a fence permit. Hanfland asked why he had to have a permit and why there was a charge for the permits. Mayor Modglin explained that the City of Neoga has zoning, as well as a building inspector, and the permit fees helps defray the cost for the building inspector's salary.

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DIMOND BROTHERS INSURANCE

Dimond Brothers Insurance representatives Tony Reynolds and Dan Dowling explained to the Council that their company has many different services that they could offer to the City of Neoga. Reynolds explained that the company has not only liability, property, and vehicle insurance, but a wide range of medical / health insurance as well. Reynolds introduced very experienced insurance agent Dan Dowling. Dowling explained that they have already met with Evans and have discussed getting quotes for the city. He also said that their office will not only service the accounts, but can train the employees on how to use their insurance to get the maximum benefits that they offer. With that being said, Evans told the Council that she is concerned that the current insurance agency has many new agents, and with the new health care system she does have some concerns. It was the consensus of the Council to get additional quotes from Dimond Brothers before the renewal date in December.

REVIEWING OF COUNCIL SALARY

Mayor Modglin told the Council that the City has not reviewed the salaries for the council since he began on the council. Modglin state that he will be leaving in April, and he asked if the other members felt it would be a good idea to change the salary for the Mayor and Commissioners. Modglin also asked about changing the way the council received their pay based on the number of meetings that they attend instead of the current annual salary. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the council to leave the pay as is.

ORDINANCE #861-08-14 An Ordinance to Waive for Neoga Associates, LLC the Provision of the BOCA National Building Code Requiring a Sprinkler System in the Brighton Cabinet Manufacturing Building Expansion Being Constructed in the Industrial Park.

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$63,854.82. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES
IKE PROJECT UPDATE

Engineer Tom Overmyer updated the Council on the IKE Project. Overmyer said that everything was progressing nicely, although there has been a few speed bumps with the contractor. Mayor Modglin expressed his concerns with the contractor coming to each individual council member to discuss the project. Modglin asked each council member to allow our engineer to handle any controversy between the contractor and engineer. Mayor Modglin explained that the Council should stand behind the engineer on the project. Meanwhile, Overmyer also explained that the tin horn on 7th Street and Grove is in need of replacing. The Contractor has agreed to replace the tin horn for \$2,700. It was the consensus of the Council to have our employees replace the tin horn instead.

IKE PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

Engineer Overmyer told the council that the project needed to have a change order. The manhole inlet on 7th Street needs to be changed and will cost an extra \$2,940. Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the change order as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

IKE DRAINAGE PAY ESTIMATE

Engineer Overmyer discussed the pay estimate in the amount of \$78,273.54. Overmyer explained that this will be reimbursed by the grant. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to have the Mayor sign the pay estimate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST FOR PHOENIX CONSULTING

The Council reviewed the pay request for engineering services on the IKE Drainage project. After no questions were asked, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay Invoice 2014-149 in the amount of \$9,108.30 and Invoice 2014-168 in the amount of \$11,490.30. These invoices will be paid with grant funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RESOLUTION #12-08-14 A Resolution Directing the City Clerk to Make Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation Economic Development Program (EDP) and the Truck Access Route Program (TARP)

Engineer Lee Beckman explained to the Council that Brighton Cabinetry is expanding and is in need of a road on the south side of their property. Beckman said that the City could apply for EDP and TARP funds to help with the street which would cover over 50% of the expenses, and the city portion could use RLF funds. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

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Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

POST PROM/GRADUATION

Linc Andrews discussed with the Council the possibility of having a street party as a fundraiser for Neoga Post Prom/ Graduation. Andrews said that the committee would like to hold the street party on Chestnut Avenue, but would like to close the street off. This would allow vendors to set booths up in the parking lot and along the street. They will be looking into having a band as well. The Council told Andrews to get additional information and let them know.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

811 SHAFFER

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the city did not receive any bids on the 811 Shaffer property. Evans said that Attorney Braden recommended that the City rerun the bids but offer to give the bid money back after the property is cleared off and the demolition ordinance is complied with. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to rebid the property with the recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date