



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
DECEMBER 22, 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 Kepp, Groves, Lindley, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, John Juliano, Engineer Larry Johnson, Engineer Alan Hanfland, and Effingham Daily News reporter Stan Polanski.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from December 8, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

114 E. 9th STREET VARIANCE

The Council received a recommendation from the Neoga Zoning Board to grant a variance to allow a portable building on the west side of 114 E. 9th Street. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to grant the variance as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to keep the monthly scheduled council meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$65,134.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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IMRF ERI

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the IMRF Early Retirement remaining balance is \$13,464.43. If it is paid in full before the end of December, the 2015 IMRF rate would decrease over 5%. After very little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the remaining IMRF ERI balance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Larry Johnson discussed with the Council his recommended timeline to bring the waste water treatment plant into compliance with the EPA requirements over the next few months. Johnson explained Farnsworth's qualifications and availability for this project.

LIGHTING FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

John Juliano discussed the cost for replacing the outdated lights in all the public buildings at a cost of \$16,786.00. However, Juliano recommended that the city apply for a grant which would give a rebate of \$8,415.70. With the new light fixtures, the city would save over \$1,400 per year. After discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to apply for the lighting grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES
KEPP AVENUE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

The Council reviewed an engineering agreement with Milano and Grunloh for services on the construction of Kepp Avenue. After a lengthy discussion about the services, and the engineering fees, it was the consensus of the Council to postpone the agreement until additional information was received.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:26 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke.

SALARY FOR 2015

After reconvening from executive session, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to give all the full time employees a 3% increase in pay and a 1% increase for part-time police officers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 3-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date