



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
DECEMBER 23, 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 Kepp, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Tom Helm, Kristy Davidson from Coles County Regional Planning, and Ken Walk.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from December 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Kristy Davidson from Coles County Regional Planning explained to the council that DCEO will be accepting applications for a housing rehabilitation grant. According to the information she has received, the grant will be a maximum of \$350,000 or approximately \$40,000 per home. Davidson said that a survey would have to be conducted in a targeted area. Mayor Modglin asked what the cost would be for Coles County Regional Planning to do the work for the City, and Davidson said that Coles County Regional Planning would charge a total of \$3500 to conduct the survey, complete the application, and administer the grant if the city would be awarded the grant. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay \$3500 for Coles County Regional Planning to apply for the grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #855-12-13 An Ordinance Amending Section 6-9 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverages to Establish the Closing Hours for Class E through I Liquor Licenses and To Allow Extended Hours to Class I License Operators

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

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

Mayor Modglin reminded the Council about the CCDC Annual Dinner which will be held in Greenup on January 11th, and mentioned that the county is working on a comprehensive plan. No one else had any reports at this time.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$58,324.36. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RESOLUTION #21-12-13 A Resolution to Abate the 2014 Tax Levy Set Forth in Ordinance #751-03-05 Which Authorized the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

The Council reviewed a pay request from Phoenix Consulting. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$3,610 and request an update on all the projects from Mr. Overmyer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

PURCHASE OF SALT SPREADER

Superintendent Helm gave the Council a quote for a new salt spreader for the trucks. Helm said that the salt spreader would eliminate the employees spreading the salt by hand. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to purchase a new salt spreader in the amount of \$2198 plus shipping and handling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Superintendent Helm also told the Council that the state did an inspection of the water treatment plant and found no violations. Helm also said that the test at the waste water treatment plant is going very well, and to date they are not able to get over a 1 on the ammonia discharge. Mayor Modglin asked if they were able to haul any sludge this fall, and Helm said they removed 23 loads from the waste water treatment plant.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

RESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY COORDINATOR RODERICK

City Clerk Evans said that she received a letter of resignation from Emergency Coordinator Bill Roderick which stated that he would not be able to fulfill his obligations due to the fact that he will not be in Neoga as often as before. Roderick recommended Bob Thomas be appointed as the new Emergency Coordinator. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the resignation from Emergency Coordinator Roderick. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she has spoken with Bob Thomas about accepting the position as the emergency coordinator. Mr. Thomas said that he would be happy to take the position again now that his new job will allow him to be in the corporate limits on a daily basis. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to happily appoint Bob Thomas as the new Emergency Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session – Section 2 (c) (6) – limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property at 7:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 7:52 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

SALE OF EXCESS PROPERTY ON E. 6TH STREET

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to sell the city parking lot located on E. 6th Street in the amount of \$29,600 minus attorney fees to Ken and Linda Walk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date