



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
DECEMBER 28, 2015, 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 Edwards, Stokes, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke, City Clerk Evans, and City Treasurer Foor. Others present were Wes and Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from December 14, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

2016 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

After little discussion, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to continue the regularly scheduled council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Edwards and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$84,937.91. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #874-12-15 An Ordinance Levying and Assessing the Taxes for the City of Neoga for 2015

City Clerk Evans said that the ordinance is levied at the maximum for Cumberland County. After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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RESOLUTION #09-12-15 A Resolution to Abate the 2016 Tax Levy Set Forth in Ordinance #751-03-05 Which Authorized the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

WATER AND SEWER RATES

The Council discussed the increase in water and sewer rates for 2016. According to Mayor Pro-tem Hartke, the sewer rates are scheduled to increase by 5% in January and May. Water rates would increase in May by 5%. Hartke said that he would like to postpone the increase if the city could financially do it; however, Hartke said that due to the EPA requirements where an upgrade at the waste water treatment plant is scheduled, now would not be the time to postpone the increase. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to review the rates again in March or April.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date