



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
DECEMBER 8, 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 Kepp, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Billie Chambers, John Juliano, Ivan Sparling Jr., Engineer Tom Overmyer, and Ronnie Edwards.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 24, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

IVAN SPARLING, JR.

Ivan Sparling Jr., told the council that he has checked with the county sheriff department as well as, the Neoga Ambulance Department in regards to his property being damaged. Sparling said that he has not been able to find anyone that did it, so he feels it was the police department. After a brief discussion, Mayor Modglin explained again to Mr. Sparling that the Neoga Police Chief said that their department was not dispatched to his residence during the time frame he is inquiring about.

COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

Mayor Modglin said that the Coles County Regional Planning 2015 Contract has been presented for renewal; however, City Clerk Evans feels that it is in the best interest of the City to review other options. It was the consensus of the Council to table the contract until further research can be completed.

PURCHASE OF NEW HEATING AND AIR SYSTEM

Mayor Modglin opened two bids for a new heating and air system for the municipal building. According to City Clerk Evans one of the systems, which was over 30 years old, was inefficient and possibly unable to repair. Modglin read the bids as follows:

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Varner and Rawlings.....\$5,717.00
Sudkamp Plumbing-Heating-Electric, Inc..... \$5,578.00

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept Sudkamp, Plumbing-Heating-Electric, Inc's bid of \$5,578. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST #10078450 FROM TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

After reviewing pay request #10078450, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$599.35 for general municipal matters rendered in November 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST #10078451 FROM TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

After reviewing the pay request #10078451, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$7,294.50 for sexually oriented business services in November 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CHRISTMAS BONUS

The Council discussed giving a Christmas bonus to the employees. City Clerk Evans said the past few years the council has given the full time employees \$50 in Neoga Merchant Dollars, and \$25 Neoga Merchant Dollars for part time employees. After the brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to give \$50 to full time employees and \$25 to part time employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

ORDINANCE #863-12-14 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NEOGA FOR 2014

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

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

AGREEMENT FOR EASEMENT

The Council reviewed an agreement for easement to locate a municipal sign on property located along Rt. #45. After a brief conversation regarding a monthly donation for the electricity, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay \$5 per month or \$60 per year to defray the cost of electricity to the Free Methodist Church for lighting the sign.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

PAY REQUEST FOR IKE DRAINAGE GRANT

Engineer Tom Overmyer presented to the council the 4th and final pay request. After review, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$109,897.34. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

DCEO GRANT PAY REQUEST

The council reviewed the pay request from Phoenix Consulting, and after little discussion Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$900. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST FOR ALLEY WATER MAIN

The Council reviewed the pay request for services rendered on the alley water main. After little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$2,940. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

DESIGNATING TRUCK ROUTE AT INDUSTRIAL PARK AVENUE

The Council discussed the advantages of designating the Industrial Park Avenue as a truck route, which could give the city TARP funding for the extension of Kepp Avenue. With no opposition, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to designate Industrial Park Avenue as a truck route. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None was given.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date