



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
FEBRUARY 23, 2015, 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 Lindley, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Engineer Larry Johnson, Billie Chambers, Alan Baker, and John Juliano.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from February 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RLF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mayor Modglin said that in the event someone wanted to apply for the Revolving Loan Fund dollars the city needed to have a contract with a firm to review the application. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept an agreement with Milano & Grunloh Engineers for Revolving Loan Fund services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

COMMUNITY VACATION TO HOLIDAY WORLD

Peace Corp Fellow John Juliano updated the Council on the recently received surveys for the community vacation to Holiday World. According to Juliano, out of all the surveys received, most people prefer a trip on August 1st. Juliano said that Holiday World requires a deposit of \$400 to hold a picnic area for us, which would only be 15-20 people. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the deposit of \$400. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

IMRF FOR PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE

Alan Baker sent a letter to the Council asking that they reconsider their decision regarding his start date for IMRF. Mayor Modglin told Alan Baker that the Council discussed this issue at the last meeting, and two of those commissioner were absent tonight, so it was his preference to table the discussion until everyone was there.

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However, if Baker wanted to explain his situation, he could. Baker told the Council that he felt that there was an error when his IMRF was started. According to Baker, he should have been enrolled earlier than June 1994, either January 1, or April 12, 1994. It was the consensus of the Council to table until all council members were present and request advice from an IMRF representative.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$89,445.99. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Larry Johnson addressed the Council about the Waste Water Treatment plant upgrade. Johnson told the Council that with the new Governor in office, the CDAP \$450,000 grant deadline has been pushed back from May to July. If the City would like to apply for a grant it will need to be started soon due to the lengthy time it takes to conduct an income survey. Johnson also said that he spoke with Superintendent Helm about adjusting the ph limits to become compliant with EPA regulations. Johnson felt that it would be very difficult to meet the requirements and it is unprecedented, not to mention the cost effectiveness. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Superintendent Helm research the annual cost for lowering ph and get back with the Council.

APPLICATION FOR CDAP GRANT

The Council decided to table any action on the CDAP Grant application until a decision is made on the Waste Water Treatment plant upgrade.

AWARDING OF THE BIDS FOR FARM GROUND

City Clerk Evans told the Council that this needs to be tabled until the last meeting in March due to the lack of advertising.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

LOCAL AGENCY/COMPANY AGREEMENT

After reviewing the Local Agency/Company agreement with Brighton Cabinetry for Kepp Avenue, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MILANO & GRUNLOH

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the engineering services with Milano & Grunloh for the Safe Routes To School project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

IDOT AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR KEPP AVENUE

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the Economic Development Program Agreement for Kepp Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – section 2 (c) (1) – employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 8:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:22 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Lindley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date