



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
FEBRUARY 24, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Hartke was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief Andy Schabbing, Reggie Phillips, and Susan Petty. Supervisor Tom Helm arrived at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from February 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

PAY REQUEST FROM BRADEN LAW OFFICE

The pay request from Braden Law Office was presented for services rendered from July 2012 through July 2013. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bill in the amount of \$4,398.75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERA

Chief Schabbing presented an estimate for 3 cameras that can be worn on the shirts of the police officers. According to Schabbing, this will allow a recording of what the officers actually see. Currently, the in-car cameras only record what is happening outside the front of the car. With the body worn cameras, it will record everything that the police officer sees in the car or if they move away from the front of the squad car. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase all three (3) cameras at a cost of \$1529.80 plus shipping, with the funds coming out of the police reserve and DUI fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

REGGIE PHILLIPS

Mayor Modglin introduced Reggie Phillips who is running for State Representative of the 110th District. Mr. Phillips told the Council about his history as a business owner, and what he would like to see change at the state level like term limits, pensions, and health reform. Phillips promised to be a hard worker for the citizens.

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MAPPING UPDATES

City Treasurer Diana Foor told the Council that the Veterans' Memorial Park committee will be holding a fish fry on April 4th, and will kick off their gun raffle. Foor also updated the Council on the welcome signs. She said due to IDOT requirements, the signs may need to be smaller than planned. Currently, Foor is working on the permit application and the placement of the signs.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that the Neoga Township Library District will meet on Tuesday the 25th, and the Neoga Park District meeting will be in March. Commissioner Kepp said that he is still concerned a great deal about the Neoga School district's financial situation. According to Kepp, one of the administrators will be taking early retirement, and the district will not fill the position.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,062.88. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the pay request from Phoenix Consulting, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$4,392.75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

RESOLUTION # 03-02-14 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Cumberland Regarding the Resurfacing of 6th Street

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Superintendent Helm updated the Council on the Public Works Department. Helm said that the lift station by The Depot was not working correctly, and after many attempts at correcting it Helm discovered a sink hole where a company bored a fiber optic line. After further investigation, there was a hole in the sewer line which was blocked by ice. Helm said that Fuller and Wentz fixed the problem and will be sending the invoice to the boring company.

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Helm also thanked the Council for the purchase of the new sand spreader which is working wonderfully, and the salt spreader which works great for salt but doesn't work so well for wet sand.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensations, discipline and performance at 8:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were given.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date