



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 13, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Groves. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Mayor Pro-tem Groves, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, and Police Chief Andy Schabbing.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from December 23, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

CCDC DUES

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2014 Cumberland County Development Corporation dues of \$1,000. Commissioner Kepp asked if the city really benefited from the organization. City Clerk said that they do relay important information regarding prospective businesses and economic development training. After the discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to pay the annual dues of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, and Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Motion ended. 2-2.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT

City Clerk Evans explained that the city needed to open a separate bank account for the upcoming donations for the Veterans' Memorial. Evans explained that City Treasurer Foor spoke with both local banks and First Neighbor Bank offered the best interest rate, a donation of \$500, and agreed to do matching fund drives. After very little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to open the Veterans' Memorial Fund account at First Neighbor bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

No reports were given.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

COMPLAINTS

Commissioner Kepp said that he didn't have anything to report; however, he has received some complaints regarding traffic speeding along east 5th Street. Kepp said that he did witness a pickup truck driving extremely fast along that street and was concerned about kids playing outside in that area. Chief Schabbing said that they would patrol that area more often.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

Commissioner Hartke didn't have any reports, but did tell Superintendent Helm that his department did an excellent job during the snow storm. Hartke said that he knows they had some long days that week, and the city of Neoga appreciated everything they have done.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still waiting on getting the house on Shaffer removed and starting a tire recycling program. Lindley also said that Emergency Coordinator Thomas did mention to him about purchasing additional blankets in the event of another storm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensations, discipline and performance at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 7:35 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves.

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GENERATOR FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Commissioner Kepp said that he has some concerns about the entire city losing power during storms. Kepp said that the City really doesn't have anywhere to shelter a large number of people other than the schools; however, they do not have a generator. Kepp suggested that the city should look into helping the school purchase a generator in the event that would happen.

MAPPING GROUP #1

City Treasurer Diana Foor informed the council that the Mapping Group #1 has scheduled a dinner and dance on March 29th, which will raise funds for post prom/graduation activities. Foor said that the dinner would be catered and a DJ will be there to spin the hits from multiple decades. The group is suggesting that those in attendance dress in the decade that they loved the most.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date