



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JANUARY 27, 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, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, and County Engineer Ben Bland. Chief Schabbing arrived at 7:30.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 13, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

RENIA HOLLEY

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Renia Holley is a Country Company Insurance agent who currently has an office in Toledo and would like to move her office to Neoga; however, Holley did not attend the meeting.

COUNTY ENGINEER, BEN BLAND

County Engineer Bland informed the Council that he has received a grant which will allow him to resurface the county road (aka 4 mile road) between Route 121 and the Neoga corporate limits. Bland said that the county road from the city limits to Rt. #121 would be a recycled overlay like the one done on Walnut Avenue. The remaining section from the city limits to Rt. #45 (5<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilson, and 6<sup>th</sup> Street) will be a 3" asphalt overlay. According to Bland, once the project is complete, this would be classified as a class 3 truck route. Bland said that this route will increase to 80,000 lb., but he does not believe it will increase the amount of traffic. It will strengthen the road that the current traffic uses. Mayor Modglin explained he has concerns regarding a very old utility line that runs under 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Oak Avenue to Wilson Avenue. Bland recommended that the city consider replacing the water line before the overlay is started. He anticipates going out for bids as early as August 2014. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the council to proceed with the project.

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RESOLUTION 01-01-14      A Resolution Authorizing Execution of First Amendment to Agreement to Purchase Property.

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept Resolution 01-01-14 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RESOLUTION 02-01-14      A Resolution of the City of Neoga Committing Supplemental Matching Local Funds for a Safe Routes to School Grant Request.

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ASSIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he might not run for election again. Modglin said that he felt in the event one of the commissioners decided to run as Mayor, it would only benefit the city if the Mayor understood each department completely. Mayor Modglin reassigned Hartke as Finance Commissioner, Lindley as Public Property Commissioner, Groves as Streets and Alleys Commissioner, and Kepp as Public Health and Safety Commissioner.

CCDC DUES

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he asked that the CCDC dues request be put on the agenda for discussion again. Modglin said that he feels that the City of Neoga should support the efforts of CCDC in hopes of landing a small industrial company like Brighton Cabinetry. Commissioner Groves said that he is aware that the city has paid these dues for many years and does not feel that the city is getting enough if any return on their money. Commissioner Kepp said that his father was very supportive of CCDC while he was Mayor of Neoga, and Kepp understands the needs for this type of organization. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the 2014 CCDC dues in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 4-1.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

No reports were given.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$56,010.83. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

No report was given.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

2014 MFT PROGRAM

City Clerk Evans told the Council that it was time to review the 2014 MFT Program and decide what roads they wanted to concentrate on. It was the consensus of the Council to look at the cost for micro-surfacing 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Park and Chestnut Avenue.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

No Report was given

**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 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:54 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hire John Dilger as a full time police officer, with a six month probation period and a wage of \$33,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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