



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 28, 2013, 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 Foor, Jeff Curry, and Lincoln Andrews.

MINUTES

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from January 14, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

NEOGA DAYS BEER GARDEN

Marty Hartke, on behalf of the Neoga Days Committee, approached the Council about obtaining a special event liquor license. Hartke told the Council that for the last couple years the event has been very successful and hasn't had any problems. The garden would be open June 14 & 15, and the security would remain the same as in the past. Hartke said that the profits from the past have been going towards the next year's activities. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for June 14th & 15, 2013 during 2013 Neoga Days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 4-1.

SONICWALL QUOTE FROM SDS

City Clerk Evans explained that recently the city received a virus that took some major time to fix. It was the recommendation of Brad Foor from SDS to place another layer of security protection on the system to help stop this from happening again. According to Evans, Foor told her that the viruses are getting harder and harder to fix. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to purchase the sonicwall for \$475 with an additional 2 year support upgrade for \$185. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PART TIME JOB FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

Mayor Modglin told the council that Chief Julius spoke to him about holding a part time job, but he wanted full support from the Council before accepting the position. Mayor Modglin said that Chief Julius was approached by the owners of Neoga Estates Mobile Home Park about becoming the Estates manager. Mayor Modglin told the council that he would be concerned that it would interfere with his day to day activities as the Chief of Police. Commissioner Hartke said that he is concerned about liability issues as well. After a lengthy conversation, it was the consensus of the Council to discourage Chief Julius from taking that part time job.

LINCOLN ANDREWS

Lincoln Andrews presented to the Council the idea of holding a 13 and under baseball round robin tournament called a “night owl” ball tournament. Andrews explained that the games would start around 9 pm, and depending on how many teams there will be, it could last until morning. Games would be played on Friday and Saturday nights. This would be a fundraiser for maybe Camp New Hope or some other organizations. It was the recommendation from the Council to have Mr. Andrews discuss the idea with the neighbors living by Jennings Park, and to let them know if they have any concerns to attend the next Council meeting on February 11th

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$36,737.21. 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

ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIER FOR NATURAL GAS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she spoke to Santanna Energy Services again, and they did revise the contracts; however, Attorney Braden still did not like the wording in the proposed contracts and did not recommend that we accept the agreements. It was the consensus of the Council to not agree to an alternative natural gas supplier at this time, and no motion was made.

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WATER AND SEWER COLLECTION POLICY

Mayor Modglin explained the current policy for collecting utility bills from customers at the mobile home parks who have moved and not paid their final water bill. Modglin said that the policy for past due final bills is to have the owner pay the bill and if the tenant eventually pays, the property owner will be reimbursed. If the owner does not want to pay the final bill then no water services will be turned on if a new customer moves in. According to Modglin, the owners of the Neoga Estates are choosing to not pay the outstanding final bills and when a new customer moves in they place them on lots that have a clear balance. Mayor Modglin recommended that, if Attorney Braden agreed, to revise the policy to force all water and sewer bills to be paid before any new services are turned on. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to change the policy to make sure any and all final bills are paid in full prior to any utility services being reconnected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

UPDATE ON NEOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Kepp updated the Council on the latest meeting with the Neoga School District and how they will be cutting costs. Kepp told the Council that the school will be moving the board office to the junior high wing of the high school, consolidated some grades from the elementary school to the Middle school, and cutting 9 – 10 staff members.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2013 MFT

Commissioner Hartke said that he, along with Superintendent Helm, will be meeting with the micro surfacing company on Tuesday at 10:00 am. According to Hartke, they will be able to finalize the 2013 MFT at the next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley said that he didn't have anything new to report; however, he is still trying to get a tire collection program set up, the house on Shaffer cleaned up, and repairing the rail road tracks on 7th Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 7:59 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commission Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:11 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date