



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 25, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Stokes, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Engineer Scott Hoene, and Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from July 11, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NPP

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the Neoga Partnership for Progress, NFP (NPP) has scheduled a softball tournament for August 6th at Jennings Park and Soeeyfest for October 1st. They have approached the city to request a special event liquor license for both events. Evans said that both events will be selling beer and food as a fund raiser. With little discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to grant the Neoga Partnership for Progress, NFP a special event license for both August 6th and October 1st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE #879-07-16 An Ordinance Relating to the Prevailing Rate of Wages in the City of Neoga

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PURCHASE OF FLAG POLE

The Council reviewed quotes from Pyramid Marble and Adams Memorial for replacing the flag pole outside the municipal building. The quotes were as follows:

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Pyramid Marble.....25' pole with internal halyard.....	\$3872
Pyramid Marble.....30' pole with internal halyard.....	\$4332
Pyramid Marble.....35' pole with internal halyard.....	\$5763
Adams Memorials...30' pole with internal halyard.....	\$2130
Adams Memorials...35' pole with internal halyard.....	\$2610

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase a 35' flag pole from Adams Memorial for a total of \$2610. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$82,960.68. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE #880-07-16 An Ordinance Setting Forth a Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes for the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2017 Commencing on May 1, 2016 and Ending on April 30, 2017.

Commissioner Edwards asked City Clerk Evans to explain the ordinance. Evans said that an appropriation ordinance is a list of dollars that the city could receive in the fiscal year. These dollars then are spent in different departments within the city. Evans said that these are “pie in the sky” figures, but before any dollars are spent they have to be appropriated. After reviewing the Ordinance, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given

RESOLUTION #08-07-16 A Resolution of Support for a CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant Application for Constructing Phase 1 – Targeted Water System Improvements and Commitment of City Funds Toward the Project

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After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

City Clerk Evans asked the Council for guidance on some utility adjustments. Evans said that recently a meter yoke broke at a customer's home, and due to the break water went through the meter and out onto the ground. Evans explained that normally the customer is required to pay for any water that goes through the meter; however, this leak was before the customer's connection to the meter. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to give a water adjustment to any customer IF the yoke breaks and causes water to go through the meter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

POOL ADJUSTMENTS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the City has been giving customers with pools a one time per year waste water adjustment when they fill a pool. Some communities are no longer doing this, and Evans wanted to verify that the Council wanted to continue with this adjustment. Evans said that the reason for the adjustment is because the water does not go through the sewer system and is not treated. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to continue giving the pool adjustments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

CLOSURE OF 500 BLOCK OF CHESTNUT

The Neoga Partnership for Progress has asked to close the 500 block of Chestnut Avenue for Sooeyfest on October 1st. With little discussion, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to close Chestnut Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street for Sooeyfest on October 1st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

CLOSURE OF 8TH STREET

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Grace United Methodist Church would be holding their Vacation Bible School during the week of July 25th. Evans said that they will be having a petting zoo on Wednesday and would like to close 8th Street from Walnut to the alley. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to close 8th street from Walnut to Chestnut on Wednesday July 27th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Commissioner Lindley said that he would like to discuss the Emergency Coordinator position again. Lindley said that he feels that the coordinator should be reimbursed for his fuel when he goes out for weather watching because he is using his personnel vehicle. Commissioner Edwards said that wouldn't be fair to other weather watchers because they use their personal vehicles as well. Edwards also said that he has spoken to Jenner and he agreed at a previous council meeting to take this position as a volunteer. Commissioner Lindley agreed that Jenner did say that. After a lengthy discussion about the need for an emergency coordinators and the coordinators duties, it was the consensus of the council to leave the position as a volunteer job.

CONFINED SPACE TRAINING

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still trying to get information about the confined space training for the public works department. Commissioner Lindley said that he knew years ago while at Blaw Knox everyone had to be certified every two years. Lindley said that he would get additional information for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date