



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 8, 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, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, John Riordan, and Kelly Lockhart from Coles County Regional Planning. Commissioner Groves arrived at 7:20 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from June 24, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

KELLY LOCKHART – COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

Kelly Lockhart informed the Council that there is a housing grant available; however, the deadline is the end of July. The grant is to repair low income, owner occupied residences for up to \$40,000. Lockhart said that the owners must meet the low to moderate income requirements, and if any work is done on their home they must remain living in the home for five (5) years. Lockhart also mentioned that Cumberland County may apply for the grant. If they do then no other community within the County will be able to. However, according to Lockhart, if Neoga wanted to assist with any of the fees associated with the grant they would make sure that the majority of the money would be spent in Neoga. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to assist with the fees if Cumberland County applied for the grant, and if they don't apply, to pay Coles County Regional Planning \$1750 to complete the grant application for Neoga. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Yeas, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he delivered packets to the new Neoga Township trustees regarding the Neoga Memorial Cemetery and discussed with each one the material included. Mayor Modglin said that he does not know if it will help those on the Neoga Township Board understand the city's side regarding the Cemetery.

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ITEP/MAPPING

City Treasurer Diana Foor updated the Council on the ITEP Grant that was discussed at a previous meeting. Foor said that Lee Beckman was reviewing the grant application. Beckman told Foor that the state is looking at awarding the grants to bike paths and not sidewalks. According to Foor, the bike paths will have to be ten (10) feet wide and would cost approximately \$200,000 from the city with hopes of getting \$100,000 back. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to not proceed with the grant at this time. Foor suggested applying for the safe routes to school grant if and when it opens.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk

City Treasurer Foor discussed with the Council about moving some money around so that the City could receive a better interest rate. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to move \$100,000 from the General Fund to the money market account with a rate of .55% and \$100,000 from the Water Fund to the money market account with an interest rate of .65%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

WATER TOWER CATHODIC PROTECTION

The Council reviewed the contract with Phoenix Consulting Engineers, LTD, for engineering services for a cathodic protection system for the 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank. After a brief discussion, the council decided to table the contract until Tom Overmyer could explain what services would be done for the \$3960.00.

SEWER PERMIT FEE

City Clerk Evans presented the annual sewer permit fee in the amount of \$5000. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the \$5,000 annual sewer permit fee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 4-1.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2013 MFT PROJECT

City Clerk Evans said that according to Superintendent Helm, the MFT work should begin no later than the end of July. Mayor Modglin said that he spoke with the County about Walnut Avenue being repaved, and they said it was scheduled to be done but they didn't have a start date.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

SKATE PARK

Commissioner Lindley said that he had a meeting about a year ago regarding a skate park and thought the council agreed to make a donation to the park board to assist with the cost. However, he has not heard anything since that meeting. He will check on it and report back at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 c (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. 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 8:15 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

RESIGNATION OF POLICE CHIEF JULIUS

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Chief Jon Julius effective on July 31, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date