



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JUNE 10, 2013, 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, Mayor Pro-tem Groves, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, and County 911 Coordinator Donna Whitaker. Mayor Modglin arrived at 8:05 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from May 28, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

**MAPPING GROUP PROJECT**

Treasurer Foor told the Council the five (5) different MAPPING groups are preparing for the Town Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Treasurer Foor reported the following:

Group 1-Recreation and Entertainment group\_– According to Foor, this group is currently looking into hosting movies at the park for family nights along with other activities. The group would also like to add an online event submission form to the City’s website. The goal is to have a central location to check for area happenings. System Development Services would create this form and add it to the website. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to donate up to \$400 for this project.

Group 2 – Education/Schools - Foor did not have a report on their activities; however, she did say that the PTO is up and going, but things have slowed down since the school year has ended.

Group 3 – Economic Development – The group is currently researching the costs involved for area businesses to get signage installed along the interstate to advertise their businesses. Along with the annual sign fees, there is a one-time application fee for each business. Mayor Modglin state that businesses like Mid-America or the local wineries might be interested as well as Neoga businesses. Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the \$100 application fee for any business that wants to have their business listed along I-57. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Group 4 – Beautification - Foor said that Engineer Lee Beckman attended a group meeting and discussed the ITEP grant for sidewalks. Beckman recommended a sidewalk route starting at the high school go west on 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Grove Avenue. The turn north on Grove Avenue to 9<sup>th</sup> Street and then west to Oak Avenue. From there go south back to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and west to Park Avenue. Foor said that Lee contacted her since that meeting and said that he spoke to an IDOT representative who stated that the grants were leaning towards bike route rather than sidewalks this year. Lee said that these grants were very political, and that any contact with Halbrook and Righter’s offices would be highly beneficial. Foor also mentioned that Alan Baker was in the process of placing roses and day lilies along 6<sup>th</sup> Street before Neoga Days starts. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to donate \$500 plus 6 loads of dirt to complete the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Group 5 - Housing – Foor did not have a report on this group.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING BODIES

Neoga Township – Mayor Modglin said that he attended the township meeting and the cemetery was discussed, but not in a positive way, and no action was taken.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

WATER TOWER INSPECTION

After reviewing the proposed contract, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the contract with Phoenix Consulting in the amount of \$3,760 for services on the water tower inspection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

DCEO WATER SYSTEM GRANT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the proposed contract with Phoenix Consulting in the amount of \$1,840 for the DCEO Water System upgrades. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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**PURCHASE OF NEW RIDING LAWN MOWER**

Commissioner Kepp said that he received a quote from Mowers and More for a new zero turn lawn mower. According to Kepp, one option is a commercial mower priced at \$6699 with a state purchase price of \$5300. The second option is the top of line commercial mower at a cost of \$11,939.00 with a state purchase price of \$9,591.30. Kepp said that Superintendent Helm would like to have turf tires on the mower instead of the original tires which is an additional \$350. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase a Gravely zero turn mower with turf tires in the amount of \$9,871.20 from Mowers and More. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

**2013 MFT PROJECT**

City Clerk Evans said the Greg Cook from Foth informed her that the slurry seal company that usually works in our area will not be here this summer; however, they are hopeful for next year. There will still be a bid letting in the event another company wants to bid. The Council discussed the possibility of having East 6<sup>th</sup> Street milled if Cumberland County resurfaces Walnut Avenue. The consensus of the Council was to touch base with County Engineer Ben Bland to discuss the Walnut Avenue plans and discuss the possibility of working on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street while they are in the area.

**PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH**

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay \$1,310.70 for services on the 2013 MFT program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

**GLOBAL CONNECT**

County 911 Coordinator Donna Whitaker discussed the Global Connect Emergency Notification System. According to Whitaker, this will allow individual taxing districts who are participating to contact residents by unlimited texts message, emails, or calls. The total cost will be split between those who are participating. The approximate cost for the City of Neoga will be \$398.96 for the first year, and \$441.25 for the second and third years. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to participate in the program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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811 SHAFFER

City Clerk Evans told the Council that it may cost up to \$15,000 to obtain the property at 811 Shaffer and another \$5,000 to clean the property up. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session at 8:41p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 c (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:09 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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