

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
MARCH 11, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wayne Modglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Treasurer Diana Foor. Superintendent Tom Helm was also in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Ronnie Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from February 25<sup>th</sup> as presented, and it was seconded by Marty Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0. The executive session minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Tony Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 7:06 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 c (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. Motion was seconded by Larry Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 p.m. on a motion from Tony Kepp. The motion was seconded by Larry Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

**CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

The council reviewed a handout from the IRS that City Treasurer Foor received at a Treasurer's conference in regard to clothing allowances for employees. She informed the council that there were questions about the clothing allowance portion of the personnel policy. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the council that upper body clothing must be embroidered with City of Neoga wording or logos to distinguish it as work clothing. The personnel policy will be updated and brought to the council for approval. Department heads will be given the same IRS handout that the council received regarding clothing allowances.

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**CLOTHING ALLOWANCE (con't)**

Police Chief Julius previously asked for reimbursement for an Under Armour garment. After discussing the bill, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to decline reimbursement for the garment. Motion was seconded by Marty Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NEOGA DAYS**

With no objections being heard, Tony Kepp made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for Neoga Days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

Mayor Modglin briefly mentioned a letter he received from Taylor Law Office. He suggested that a meeting could be set up with Taylor Law Office & James Grant. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

**ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mayor Modglin informed the council that Taylor Law Office recommended hiring an engineer to help with the zoning ordinance revamp. It was suggested that Milano & Grunloh be used since they have worked with Taylor Law in the past. This will be formally voted on at the next meeting.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Bills were not presented to the council at this meeting. The Treasurer's Report was presented, but since it was not on the agenda it will be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

The contact person from Intercarrier was not at the meeting, so this item was tabled.

Commissioner Kepp also reminded the council of the School Board meeting being held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He plans to attend.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

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No report was given.

### IKE DRAINAGE GRANT CHANGE ORDERS

Engineer Tom Overmyer was not ready to report the change orders to the Council. This item was tabled.

### PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX FOR EAST SIDE DRAINAGE

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the council to get clarification on the drainage project from Engineer Overmyer. Commissioner Kepp made the motion to decline payment of invoice 2013-049 in the amount of \$13,440.00. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley updated the council on the tire pickup he has been trying to schedule. He contacted the State of Illinois. They gave him a local contact number for someone in Effingham that may be able to help. Lindley has not been able to make contact with this person yet, but he stated that he will keep trying.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp, Lindley, Groves, 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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Date