



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 24, 2014, 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 Chief Andy Schabbing, Supervisor Tom Helm, and Renee Holley from Country Companies.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

ECIVIC GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Modglin explained the eCivic Grant Program to the council and said that he would recommend talking to CCDC about the program as well. With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to proceed with purchasing the program with City Administrator Evans as the administrator, and “give the program” to CCDC to benefit the entire county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RENEE HOLLEY

Renee Holley told the Council that she is currently an insurance agent in Toledo and would like to build a new insurance building in Neoga. Holley said that she would build the building and hire one full time and one part time employee. After looking at property in Neoga, Holley would like to locate her business on the corner of 8th and Chestnut Avenue. After a brief discussion, the Council said that they would be very happy to work with her on the project. Evans asked that she stop by the office and she would put a packet of information together for her.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the MAPPING group about the Dancing through the Decades this Saturday, fish fry on April 4th, and the gun raffle. Commissioner Lindley did not have a report from the Park district or the Library, and Commissioner Kepp told the Council that the school district held meeting last week on the financial situation in the coming years.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$123,063.52. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the pay request from Phoenix Consulting, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$2308.20 for services rendered on the IKE Drainage grant and \$2,420 for services rendered on the 6th Street Water main design. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

811 SHAFFER

Commissioner Kepp told the Council that the city is now the owner of the property located at 811 Shaffer, and asked what they wanted to do with it. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to take sealed bids on the property as is with the stipulation that the property had to be completely cleaned off including all buildings within 90 days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Police chief Schabbing told the Council that since the first of the year, the police department has brought in over \$2,000 in tow fees. Schabbing said that he recently sent a request into Marathon Oil asking for a donation for new in-car computers, and they will be donating \$200. Schabbing recommended that the money be set aside until the new computers are purchased.

Superintendent Helm told the council that he will be looking at purchasing a few of the new no lead meters which effective on January 1, 2014 were mandated when a new meter is put into the system.

Helm also he is also researching the cost of a new shed for the salt and sand. Helm said he spoke with the township which just built a hoop shed and it cost approximately \$11,000 plus \$8,000 for concrete. Helm said that he will get additional quote soon.

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Mayor Modglin told the council that Eastern Illinois Railroad Company sent a letter stating that they will be replacing the crossing at 6th Street this summer. Modglin said that the letter also mentioned the possibility of closing the 5th Street crossing. Commissioner Lindley and Commissioner Hartke both were opposed to this because they use that crossing every day. After a lengthy discussion, and numerous concerns about the crossing, it was the consensus of the council to send a letter back to Eastern Illinois Railroad Company stating the only way we would agree to the closure is if they donated 2 million dollars to the Neoga School District and repaired the drainage problems under that crossing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were given.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date