



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
MARCH 25, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Mayor Pro-tem Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Police Chief Julius, Police Officer Schabbing, Foth Engineer Matt Johnson, Leslie Partlow, and Morgan Partlow.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES

Tabled until the next meeting

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY UPDATE

Tabled until the next meeting

APPOINTMENT OF MILANO & GRUNLOH FOR LAND USE

After a brief discussion regarding the need to update the zoning ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to appoint Milano and Grunloh for a land use study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

NEOGA ESTATES

Tabled until next meeting

SHAVED ICE STAND

Leslie and Morgan Partlow discussed the possibility of placing an enclosed trailer in the downtown area for a shaved ice stand. Morgan Partlow explained that they are interested in placing an enclosed trailer on the north east corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Avenue and use electricity from the electric pole on Chestnut Avenue. The trailer would be equipped with a freezer as well as an air conditioner that would operate during business hours only.

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After a brief discussion, the Council asked that Partlow speak to the business owners along Chestnut Avenue and to find out an approximate electrical cost.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$63,066.30. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

IEPA REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Foth Engineer Matt Johnson updated the Council on the wastewater treatment plant. Johnson told the Council the last EPA permit was applied for in 2007. At that time the EPA required the City to prove that the discharge from the wastewater treatment plant did not need to be de-chlorinated. Johnson said that even after the City of Neoga proved that the creek where the discharge runs is not used for recreational purposes the IEPA has not issued a new permit; however, Johnson said that he has received notification that EPA is going to schedule a review of the application. Johnson explained that more than likely, the EPA is going to force the City to add a de-chlorination system to the wastewater treatment plant. According to Johnson, the City of Neoga should complete the Revolving Loan Fund preapplication so the city will be one of the first communities considered for any grant money that might become available.

TREE WORK AT NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

The Council reviewed a quote from M & E for removing dead branches from trees at the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. After a brief discussion, the council decided to table this until they could look at the trees themselves to see what needs trimmed.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

2013 MFT

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the bids were opened for the 2013 MFT project. According to Evans, only one bid was received. It was from Earl Walker Co., Inc. at a cost of \$26,671.50. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the bid of \$26,671.50 from Earl Walker Co., Inc. The motion was seconded

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by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

IKE Drainage Grant

Because of the weather, Engineer Overmyer was unable to attend the meeting.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

It was the consensus of the Council to wait until they had received an update before paying any more invoices.

NEOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Julius and Officer Schabbing discussed the idea of having a K-9 unit for the Neoga Police Department. Chief Julius told the Council that a K-9 unit could be used in a number of situation including drugs. Officer Schabbing said that Shelby County recently acquired a K-9 but is looking to sell it for \$200. The dog came from another state and that state couldn't keep the dog because it would not release a bite. Shelby County purchased the dog because they had planned to retire one K-9 because of an injury; however, the dog recovered and will not be retired. According to Schabbing, the dog would cost approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 to have it trained, where a new K-9 would cost approximately \$13,000. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the dog tested by a breeder in Charleston before the next Council meeting.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that he is still working on starting a tire collection program, and he updated the council on the house on Shaffer Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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