



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 13, 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, Superintendent Helm, and Billie Chambers. Commissioner Groves arrived at 7:05 p.m., and Mayor Modglin arrived at 7:53 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from April 22, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

CLOSURE OF 6TH STREET DURING NEOGA DAYS

Commissioner Hartke explained that the Neoga Days Committee would like to close West 6th Street from Park Avenue to the bridge on 6th Street so that children can cross the street safely. Hartke said that the committee has done this in the past, and it has worked very well. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the closure of West 6th Street from Park Avenue to the bridge during the Neoga Days hours on June 13, 14, & 15, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

After Mayor Modglin arrived, he discussed the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. Mayor Modglin said that he wanted to make sure that the council is 100% backing his discussions with Taylor Law Office. Each Council member agreed that Mayor Modglin should continue the correspondence with Taylor Law Office, and that they would like to see this situation settled.

Mayor Modglin also explained to the Council that the tax bills will be arriving soon, and IF they believe that the Township, or any other taxing body, is not levying taxes correctly they can pay their taxes under protest.

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ECIDC DUES

The Council discussed the advantages of being members of ECIDC. Commissioner Groves is concerned that the City of Neoga has been a member for years and still has not landed a big manufacturing company, and is wondering if it is worth continuing to be a member. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the dues in the amount of \$250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 3-1.

COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

City Treasurer Diana Foor updated the Council on the MAPPING program and the beautification group. According to Foor, there is a possibility of an 80/20 grant opportunity coming up; however, the group will have to have a commitment for 20% of the funds. Mayor Modglin told the Council that he feels the Council should be able to help with these funds because it will benefit the City of Neoga. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to commit up to \$200,000 and put \$5,000 per month in the general reserve fund earmarked for the MAPPING Committees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #852-05-13 An Ordinance Amending Sections 6-70 and 6-71 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverages, to Add Class I Licenses.

After reviewing the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance to create class I liquor licenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

ORDINANCE #850-05-13 An Ordinance Relating to the Prevailing Rate of Wages in the City of Neoga

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 3-1.

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GILBERT, METZGER & MADIGAN

City Clerk Evans told the Council that it was time again for the annual municipal audit, and she recommended hiring Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan for the 2012-2013 audit. With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to hire Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

MOWING BIDS

Mayor Pro-tem Kepp opened the sole bid for mowing of the Neoga Memorial Cemetery which was from M & E. The bid came in at \$585 per mowing/cleanup. Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the bid of \$585 from M & E per mowing of the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Superintendent Helm updated the Council on the progress of the Public Works department. Helm said that he will need authorization to work with Tom Overmyer on having the water tower inspected, and to obtain quotes for the cathodic protection rods. Helm also told the Council that the Village of Sigel has asked that they spray for mosquitoes before their two upcoming summer events. Superintendent Helm said that he quoted them a total of \$400 per spraying, which will cover all the expenses including overtime.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2013 MFT

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the Resolution of Maintenance, the Maintenance Engineering, the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance, and Cover sheet that was presented by Engineer Greg Cook. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

CDAP DESIGN GRANT PAY REQUEST

After reviewing a pay request from Phoenix Consulting, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the CDAP Design Grant pay request in the amount of \$400. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Aye, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

ORDINANCE #851-05-13 An Ordinance to Amend Section 14-38 of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinance Relating to Animals to Increase the Per Day Impoundment Fee.

After reviewing the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Pro-tem Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

GLOBAL CONNECT

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Donna Whitaker, the 911 Coordinator, has asked if the City of Neoga would like to participate in the Global Connect program. The program allows members to send out multiple messages within minutes to individual phone numbers in the event of an emergency. According to Evans, Whitaker said the yearly fee will be divided between those who are participating. The discounted rate for the first year will be \$2,367 and the second and third year will be \$2,790. Whitaker told Evans that if the City of Neoga participates, there will be 10 sharing the cost. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to ask Donna Whitaker to attend the next meeting and explain how the program will work and who is participating.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date