



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 23, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Shawn Durbin, Engineer Michael Streff, Engineer Greg Cook, and Engineer Scott Hoene.

MINUTES

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from April 25th and May 9th as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

RESOLUTION #06-15-16 A Resolution of Funding Support for 2016 Illinois
Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Project

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESOLUTION #07-05-16 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for
Cemetery Maintenance Services with Debra Embry, d/b/a
M & E Tree and Lawn

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PORTABLE BUILDING AT 1012 LOCUST AVENUE

Commissioner Edwards said that he has received questions regarding the portable building located at 1012 Locust Avenue. City Clerk Evans explained that the property owner did request a variance, but it was denied. However, the owner went ahead and brought the building in anyway. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to proceed with having the city clerk send a letter to the owner informing them they must remove the building immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE
BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$61,400.11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES
PAY REQUEST FROM FARNSWORTH

The Council reviewed a pay request from Farnsworth for work during the month of April. Commissioner Edwards asked engineer Michael Streff if this was going to be a normal bill. Streff said that there is a lot of work to be done in the coming months, and yes, this type of bill will be normal until maybe September. After all questions were answered by Engineer Streff, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$32,443.90. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
RESEARCH FOR POSSIBLE OVERPASS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she has been inquiring for a few years about the need for another access across the CN railroad tracks. Evans said that due to the fact that the city's emergency equipment is on the west side of the tracks and the main populated areas such as, the schools, RT #45, Interstate 57, TGM, Royster Clark, etc. are located on the East side of tracks. Evans said that there are times when the trains are stopped, and people are stuck for almost 30 minutes. It is causing problems in everyday life not to mention in the event of an emergency. Engineer Greg Cook told the Council that their firm has done a number of overpasses and underpasses for the same reasons that were mentioned; however, he has not had time to consult with one of the more experienced engineers regarding the city's options, so he will report back at the next meeting.

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QUOTES FOR HANDICAP SIDEWALKS

Tabled until next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that the property owner has replaced the sidewalk on the corner of 5th and Oak Avenue. Lindley also said that the City needs to look at replacing Bob Thomas as the Emergency Coordinator. Lindley said that he has spoken to Cody Jenner about the position, and Jenner is very interested in the position. City Clerk Evans said that she spoke with Fire Chief Albin about the position a few months ago, and he was going to talk with the Neoga Fire District about working together on this position. Evans explained that the city doesn't levy enough money to maintain the sirens as well as pay the coordinator. Commissioner Lindley said that he would attend the next fire board meeting regarding this position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:28 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date