



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 28, 2013, 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 Kepp, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from May 13, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

RESOLUTION #14-05-13 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for Cemetery Maintenance Services with Debra Embry

After reviewing, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept Resolution # 14-05-13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

UPDATE ON MAPPING PROGRAM

Mayor Modglin told the Council that there will be a town meeting on Sunday, June 23rd at the Neoga High School which will inform the general public on what the committees are working on and ask for input from the public. Modglin strongly suggested that the council members attend the meeting to show support for the MAPPING program. Commissioner Kepp told the Mayor that he is completely supporting the program; however, he will be out of state during the meeting. Commissioner Hartke will be unable to attend the meeting as well.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING BODIES

Fire Board – Commissioner Hartke said that he was not able to attend the last meeting. Neoga Community School Dist. #3 – Commissioner Kepp updated the Council on the school district. According to Kepp, they have made cuts that were needed so that the school financially stays in the black, and to keep programs from being eliminated, some administration staff will be filling the positions that were cut. Kepp said that it will be a change for everyone, but he is confident that the students will not suffer.

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FINNCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$47,770.96. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

WATER TOWER INSPECTION

City Clerk Evans told the Council that it was time to have an inspection on the water tower after having it painted last year. Evans said that Engineer Overmyer will work with Superintendent Helm on scheduling the inspection which will entail “bringing the tower down” to inspect the interior. This would also be the best time to have cathodic protection added to the tower as well. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to have Engineer Overmyer proceed with getting the inspection scheduled and acquire quotes for the cathodic protection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PURCHASE AND INSTALL PUMP & MOTOR

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Superintendent Helm is requesting that the Council approve the purchase and installation of a new pump and motor at the water treatment plant. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase a new pump at a cost of \$7,661 and remove the old pump and motor and installation of the new pump and motor in the amount of \$5,788. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PURCHASE OF NEW RIDING LAWN MOWER

No update was given at this time.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

Commissioner Hartke said that he would like to see the sidewalks along Walnut Avenue be handicap accessibility. Hartke asked that City Clerk Evans get quotes to construct fix the crosswalks on the sidewalks.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 7:49 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 c (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

HIRING OF PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hire 2 part time employees at minimum wage rate of pay. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date