



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 23, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wayne Modglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Billie Chambers, and Fred Honaker.

MINUTES

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from April 9, 2012 as presented. Commissioner Hartke seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Kepp arrived at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAILROAD LEASE FOR SITTING PARK

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the lease for the property located on Oak Avenue along RT. #45 will be expiring July 31, 2012. Evans explained that the contract will be from August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2015. Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the lease agreement for the next three (3) years for \$300. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

The Council reviewed a pay request from Taylor Law Office for services rendered in the amount of \$1425.64. Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the payment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT FROM NEOGA TOWNSHIP

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he, along with City Clerk Evans, met with Attorney Mark Karpus and asked him to review the files on the Neoga Memorial Cemetery and report back about the situation.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$58,458.94. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT FROM CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Groves updated the Council on the Cumberland County Board meetings for the month of March. Groves stated that he has not been able to attend the meetings, but according to the minutes three meetings were held with great discussion regarding animal control. According to Groves, the Cumberland County board hired Shawn Strader as the part time animal control officer and part time maintenance employee.

Mayor Modglin asked Commissioner Groves to be placed on the Cumberland County Board agenda to discuss and/or recommend a standard procedure of taxing portable buildings within the county. Commissioner Groves said that he would try to attend the next meeting.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR WATER TOWER

Phoenix Consulting presented a pay request for services on the water tower. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request as presented in the amount of \$4,250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR IKE GRANT

After reviewing the submitted pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$4,318.20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FOR CDAP APPLICATION

Phoenix Consulting submitted a pay request for services rendered on the CDAP application. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$3,250.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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REPORT FROM NEOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Kepp informed the Council that he has not been able to attend a Neoga School board meeting as of yet.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2012 MFT

No report was given.

REPORT FROM NEOGA FIRE PROTECTION DIST.

Commissioner Hartke reported to the Council that he attended the Neoga Fire District meeting where the board purchased a new ambulance in the amount of \$141,000.

Commissioner Hartke also told the Council that he spoke with Superintendent Helm about the streets and alleys, and Helm explained to him that water pump house is in need of major repairs including a new heater.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

EMERGENCY PHONE TREE

Commissioner Hartke said that the Neoga Fire District is still gathering information and setting the criteria for making the emergency phone calls.

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Bids were reviewed for the citywide cleanup as follows:

- Veolia \$910 per packer truck load
- Baby Huey's flat \$5000.

Mayor Modglin asked Fred Honaker (owner of Baby Huey's) if he would be able to have everything cleared up on Saturday, and Honaker assured him that he would because he has more trucks and trailers than last year. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the bid from Baby Huey's for the citywide cleanup. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

The cleanup days were set for May 12 on the East side of Rt. #45 and May 19th on the West side.

REPORT FROM NEOGA PARK DISTRICT

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that he has not been able to attend the Neoga Park District meeting because they have not held a meeting lately.

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REPORT FROM NEOGA LIBRARY

Commissioner Lindley has not been to a Neoga Library meeting due to him being sick.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date