



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
AUGUST 27, 2012, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Jon Julius, and Officer Schabbing.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from August 13, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

ORDINANCE #836-08-12 An Ordinance Amending Section 6-71 of the code of Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverages

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

GAMING LICENSES

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that she had learned that back in the 1930's many of the townships and communities passed an ordinance banning gaming/gambling. After some research, it was discovered that the City of Neoga had passed the same ordinance. Evans explained that a number of people who have looked into purchasing the restaurant are looking at placing online video machines in the business as well. However, as long as the ordinance is still on the city's records, the state will not issue a gambling license to business owners. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to repeal the ordinance banning gaming / gambling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 4-1.

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PURCHASE OF SQUAD CAR

Police Chief Julius discussed with the Council the need for a newer squad car for the police department. Julius explained that the department has parked the 2003 squad car because of the worn tires and undependability. Julius said that he has done some research and the options are:

1. Operate the department on two (2) squad cars, which he would not recommend.
2. Purchase a silver Chevy Impala with 53,000 miles from the Missouri Highway Patrol for \$10,500.
3. Purchase a new 2013 Ford Police Interceptor for \$23,398.

Chief Julius explained to the Council that currently the Police Reserve Fund has a balance of \$41,331.61, the police vehicle fund had a balance of \$2,350, and the DUI fund has a balance of \$8,149.81. These funds total over \$51,000. Chief Julius told the Council that these funds could adequately cover the cost of a new squad car. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase a new 2013 Ford Police Interceptor in the amount of \$23,398 with the funds coming from the DUI and vehicle fund and the remaining balance from the police reserve fund. This would leave a balance of \$28,433.42 in the police reserve fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Hartke, and Groves. Motion carried. 3-2.

OTHER REPORTS

Commissioner Groves reported that at the last County Board meeting he attended they discussed the amount of trash that was being dumped in the county, and Commissioner Groves said that the City was in the process of putting no littering signs up in the area. Commissioner Hartke reported that the fire department has decided to hold off on the phone tree service for emergencies because some cell phone companies are starting to implement the same service. Commissioner Kepp said that he does not have a report from the Neoga School District but will be attending a meeting very soon. Commissioner Lindley will be attending the Neoga Library meeting and is still waiting to hear when the Park District will be holding a meeting.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

The Council reviewed the proposed bills, and Commissioner Groves told the council that the total is higher than normal because of the road work and the final payment on the painting of the water tower. With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$200,155.91. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

REPLACE AND /OR REPAIR HIGH SERVICE PUMP

After reviewing the proposed quote to refurbish the high service pump, the council decided to get quotes on replacing the pump as well.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

Police Chief Julius told the council that the Village of Sigel has asked if the City of Neoga would entertain the idea of entering into an intergovernmental agreement with them to assist in enforcing their nuisance ordinances and to patrol during scheduled events in Sigel. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with investigating the possibility.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keep. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date