



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 12, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Engineer Tom Overmyer, and School Superintendent Charles Castle. Commissioner Lindley arrived at 7:43p.m. and Commissioner Groves arrived at 7:50 p.m.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from November 28th, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT #3 SCHOOL SUPERINTDENT

School Superintendent Charles Castle updated the Council on Cumberland County Development Corporation. Castle explained that in the past year, CCDC helped secure a grant for a new court house clock, assisted the Village of Greenup in securing a substantial business, and helped with the Evapco expansion. Currently, they are working on “revamping” the website and would like to have each community have its own webpage linked to it. Mr. Castle also mentioned that they are looking for a representative from Neoga who would attend the meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Farm Bureau office in Toledo at 7:00 p.m.

SNOW REMOVAL FOR NEOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Castle explained that the school was seeking bids for snow removal; however, they did not received any bids. Castle asked if the City would be able to assist them with snow removal if they were not able to secure someone. It was recommended that the school contact the township to assist with it because of the time it will take to clean off all the property.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

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ORDINANCE #824-12-11 An Ordinance Levying and Assessing the Taxes for the City of Neoga for 2011

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

AWARDING OF THE WATER TOWER PAINTING BID

Engineer Tom Overmyer explained to the Council that the bids for painting the water tower ranged from \$215,750 to \$490,700. Overmyer said that he is checking references on the low bidder, and if they came back as expected he would recommend Central Tank Coatings at \$215,750.00. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to wait until the reference checks came back before awarding the bid.

CHEMICAL FEEDER

Superintendent Tom Helm said that the City of Mattoon has a chemical feeder that is for sale for \$1,000. According to Helm, the feeder would normally sell for \$12,000 - \$15,000. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase the feeder for \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LTD PAY REQUEST

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$2,911.26. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

Commissioner Hartke said that he is still reviewing potential road work for next year and should have something by the next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still working on a tire pickup.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 8:07 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commission Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:17 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

PAY SCHEDULE FOR 2012

After reconvening from executive session, Commissioner Groves made a motion to give a 4% increase in pay to City Clerk Evans, City Treasurer Foor, and Police Officer Fuller. A 3% increase was given to Superintendent Helm, Public Works employees Wiltermood and Fearday. Commissioner Groves said that Chief of Police Julius and Officer Schabbing should remain the same due to their recent hiring. There was no increase in pay for the part time employees. Commissioner Kepp seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CHRISTMAS BONUS

A discussion was held regarding a Christmas Bonus for the employees. Mayor Modglin recommended that if a bonus was given to the employees, he would prefer it to be with Community Bucks from First Neighbor Bank because they can only be used locally. This would promote local businesses. Commissioner Groves made a motion to give the full time employees \$50 in community bucks and the part time employees \$20 in community bucks.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date