



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
FEBRUARY 14, 2012, 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, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Absent was Commissioner Lindley. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Winston Andrews, Linda Gentry, Mary Osborn, and Deb Myers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from January 23rd, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WINSTON ANDREWS, RAISING CHICKENS

Neoga Resident Winston Andrews asked the Council if he could have permission to raise chickens at his home located at 655 Pine Avenue. Andrews said that he has done some research, and a number of larger cities allow residents to have chickens if they have a permit. Commissioner Groves said that he felt if the City allows chickens then people would ask to have other farm animals. Commissioner Kepp said that he could understand someone having a few chickens if the chicken coops were kept clean. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Modglin explained that larger communities have a full time animal control warden that could monitor these permits. Mayor Modglin asked Mr. Andrews if he would be willing to do additional research and bring that information back to the council along with any ordinances from communities that allow chickens within their corporate limits. Andrews said that he would bring additional information back to the Council in the near future.

PAY REQUEST FROM MUNICODE

City Clerk Evans explained that the pay request is for the updated ordinances for the Code of Ordinance books. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1090.79. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
PAGE -2-
FEBRUARY 14, 2012

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the lease agreement with Illinois Central Railroad will expire in July, and they are asking for a renewal lease in the amount of \$300 for three years (August 1, 2012 thru July 31, 2015). After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to review the previous contract and table.

GARBAGE LICENSES

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that it was asked that the City of Neoga limit the number of garbage licenses they issue. It was the consensus of the Council to research other communities' ordinances on sanitation services.

EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING UPDATE

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the emergency round table planning meeting that was held at the Neoga Fire Department. Modglin explained that there had to be an incident commander, and since he is working out of town, Mayor Modglin told those in attendance that he had no problem with having Fire Chief Bill Albin or Assistant Alan Baker taking on that role for the City. Mayor Modglin also explained to those at the meeting that the situation could be coordinated with City Administrator Brenda Evans, who would have authority to make decisions and address the media.

CCDC ANNUAL DINNER

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he attended the CCDC Annual Dinner and accepted the Economic Achievement Award on behalf of the City of Neoga. Mayor Modglin explained that the award was given to the city for the TIF district as well as the new Dollar General store.

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.

PAY REQUEST FOR GILBERT, METZGER, & MADIGAN

The Council reviewed the audit and pay request for auditing the city records for fiscal year 2011. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$7,500 to Gilbert, Metzger, & Madigan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

E.J. WATER COOPERATIVE

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that Bill Teichmiller, CEO of E. J. Water Cooperative, Inc. stopped by to update the City on the status of E.J. Water. Modglin said that Teichmiller explained to him that E.J. is placing water lines east of Trowbridge and will be very close to Neoga. Mayor Modglin said once those lines are complete, E.J. Water will have water lines to the south and to the west of Neoga.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the pay request from Phoenix Consulting for the study and report phase for the IKE grant from August 22, 2011 thru December 31, 2011, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,128.09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESOLUTION #01-02-2012

A Resolution to Abate the 2012 Tax Levy Set Forth in Ordinance #751-03-05 Which Authorized the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds

After reviewing the proposed resolution, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the resolution to abate the waterworks and sewerage bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2012 MFT RESOLUTION

The Council reviewed a proposed Resolution for maintenance of streets and highways. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pass the resolution to authorize \$115,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds to be used. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

PROPOSED DOG ORDINANCE

Deb Myers presented a proposed ordinance to the Council suggesting changes to the current animal control ordinance. The Council thanked her and her committee. The ordinance will be given to the city attorney for review.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date