



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JULY 25, 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 Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Kepp was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Gerald Mattern, Superintendent Tom Helm, City Attorney Glenn Braden, Jon Braden, Mike Dreslik, and Brad Eaton.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from July 11, 2011, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CITY ATTORNEY GLENN BRADEN

Attorney Glenn Braden from Braden Law Office explained to the Council that in the past his contract with the city required a retainer fee for resolutions and ordinances. The City was then charged for any additional services such as litigation. This year Mr. Braden is proposing a flat \$85 per hour fee. Mayor Modglin asked if this would help Mr. Braden with the conflicts between clients. Braden explained that he will always have conflicts with clients because of the small community. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

TIF DISTRICT

City Attorney Glenn Braden explained to the Council the pay request bills submitted by him and Hank Stevens. Braden also explained how the city could reimburse the general fund for the attorney fees that were above the contracted agreement with Westmore Developers from the Business District's 1% tax. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,843.50 to Hank Stevens and \$5,144. to Glenn Braden. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. 4-0.

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MIKE DRESLIK, 11TH STREET ROAD WORK

Mike Dreslik, homeowner at 274 W. 11th Street, asked the Council how they were going to fix 11th Street. According to Dreslik, the oil is bleeding through and causing problems in the homeowner's driveway. Mr. Dreslik told the Council that he feels the contractor was at fault and should come back and repair the streets. The Council explained to Mr. Dreslik that they have discussed the problems with the contractor and believe they have solved the problems. The Council asked to give it a few weeks to see if the oil bleeds through again.

IML CONFERENCE

Discussion was held regarding City Clerk Evans and City Treasurer Foor attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago. After reviewing the estimated cost, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve them attending the conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$45,275.87. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the health insurance quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield came back almost \$2,000 higher per month than the current company. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to renew with the current insurance company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

DISINFECTION EXPEMPTION

No report was given.

IKE GRANT

City Clerk Evans explained that a committee needs to be appointed to review the responses from Engineering firms that have returned their qualifications. Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint City Clerk Evans and City Treasurer Foor to serve as the committee and review the qualifications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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ORDINANCE #819-07-11 An Ordinance Setting Forth a Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2012 Commencing on May 1, 2011 and Ending on April 30, 2012

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

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No report was given.

SIDEWALK ON 6TH STREET

Superintendent Helm informed the Council that he received a quote of \$7,499.52 from Todd Fuller to replace the sidewalk along west 6th Street between Franklin and Cedar Avenue. It was the consensus of the Council to get other quotes as well.

CEMETERY MONUMENTS

A brief discussion was held on raising four monuments at Neoga Memorial Cemetery that have settled and need to be raised so that additional dirt can be added to the area to help with the drainage issues. The Council told the City Clerk to obtain the cost and get their approval before scheduling the resetting of the stones.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hartke to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date