



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
July 9, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Groves. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves, Mayor Modglin arrived at 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Kepp was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor and Superintendent Tom Helm.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes and the public hearing minutes from June 25, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Clerk Evans researched the legality of having only one city council meeting per month. According to State Statutes, municipalities with a commission form of government are required to have two meetings per month. With little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to leave the meeting schedule as it currently is. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 in the council chambers of the Municipal Building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

A pay request was presented from Taylor Law Office for work done on the nuisance ordinance. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bill in the amount of \$468.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MEETING

Mayor Modglin reported on the Neoga Township meeting. He stated that the township discussed putting up signs to deter people from illegally dumping trash in the county. Mayor Modglin asked the Council's opinion on helping to defray the cost of the signs. This item will be added to the next City Council agenda.

LIQUOR ORDINANCE

City Treasurer Foor reviewed the liquor ordinance with the council. No action was taken at this time.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

City Treasurer Foor explained that the renewal rates for the City's health insurance will increase 6 – 7%. There will also be some increases due to a few employees reaching a higher age bracket. The council tabled the decision until the next meeting. Commissioner Groves would like to review a copy of the new rates at this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Pro-Tem Groves ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

Nothing on agenda

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2012 MFT INCREASE

Superintendent Helm reported on the 2012 MFT program. He informed the council that the contractor ran out of oil before all the scheduled roads were completed. The additional cost to finish the roads is approximately \$16,500. Helm stated that the shortage could have been because the contractor sprayed 6" wider than he measured, and because of the extremely dry conditions, the tilled areas soaked in more oil than normal. Commissioner Hartke said that he has heard lots of good comments about the roadwork. He likes the pea gravel that is being used on the roads. He instructed Helm to check with the contractor to see if they will supply the City with 2 semi loads of this same gravel to have on hand and to use to finish up any areas that may need touched up. If they will not supply the gravel for us, Helm will make arrangements to get it. Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the additional amount of \$16,500 for the cost of finishing the roads and to get 2 loads of gravel if necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that he is still working on a resource for tire collection. He would like to have a list of trees that need cut or trimmed.

Chief Julius asked for direction on how the Council would like him to proceed with ordinance violators that have not cleaned up their property. The Council agreed that they would like him to follow up with these violations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session at 7:45 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commission Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves, and seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date