



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JUNE 25, 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, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Groves and Hartke were absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Jon Julius, Corinthia Croy, Ryan Brown, Ron Rentfrow, and Superintendent Tom Helm.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from June 11, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

DONATION FOR LIFE CENTER

Corinthia Croy from the Cumberland County Life Center requested a donation from the City of Neoga. Ms. Croy requested a donation of \$750, which would match what the Neoga Township donated. With very little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to donate \$750. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ECIDC DUES

City Clerk Evans said that in the past year she has received approximately 15 economic opportunities in the area; however, the City of Neoga only qualified for 4 or 5 of them. Evans explained that she still sends in the information even if the City is not able to offer everything that the company is looking for. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the dues in the amount of \$250 and be retained as a member in the event something does come along that would benefit Neoga. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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RAILROAD LEASE

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that currently the railroad lease for the sitting park area is for only a portion of the block between 6th and 7th Street along Oak Avenue. According to Evans, the northwest corner of 6th and Oak was not leased by the City, and before any improvements to the area can be made the City needs to include it on the lease agreement. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the proposed addition to the lease agreement which included the 112' X 60' section at 6th & Oak Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

DUGGER'S INCORPORATED

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council that Dugger's owner Doug Miller was not able to renew his state liquor license. According to Mayor Modglin, Miller has asked if customers can bring in their own alcohol to drink with their meals. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to allow Miller to have a private party where the customers could bring their own alcohol into the business; however, the party has to be held on the Fire House side or the Vineyard side and blocked off from the general public. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Modglin discussed with the council the possibility of holding one council meeting per month instead of two due to the lack of business on the agenda. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hold one meeting per month on the third Monday at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

The Council reviewed the proposed bills, and with little discussion Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$50,783.38. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

LIGHTING IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that she has received two quotes for new lighting in the Municipal Building because the old lighting needs costly repairs. After reviewing the quotes, it was the consensus of the council to inspect the lighting in all City owned buildings and get quotes for these as needed.

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PAY REQUEST FROM GLENN & LOGUE

After reviewing the pay requests, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay one request in the amount of \$831.25 for reviewing the Neoga Memorial Cemetery and \$43.75 for services on the fence ordinance for Mike Burton. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$3,916.20 for services on the IKE grant and \$14,775 for services on the water tower. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

METER READING EQUIPMENT

Superintendent Helm explained to the Council that the current meter reading equipment is obsolete and needs to be replaced. Helm also updated the council on the new EPA requirements regarding meters that contain lead. According to Helm, meters with lead can no longer be installed beginning in 2014. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to obtain additional information on new meter reading equipment. Helm was told to hold off on purchasing new meters until the old ones are used or the new mandates are in effect.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

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No report was given.

VACATE ALLEY

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to vacate the alley located within Lots 1 and 2 in Block 27 in the Bacon and Jennings second addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

REBUILDING OF INTERSECTION AT 4TH & LOCUST

The Council discussed allowing TGM to rebuild the intersection of 4th and Locust Avenue. According to City Clerk Evans, the trucks that enter and exit TGM are unable to stay on the street surface due to insufficient room. TGM would like to widen that intersection at their expense. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to allow TGM to rebuild that intersection, and the City of Neoga would continue to allow truck traffic on Locust, 4th & 5th Streets. The motion was seconded by

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Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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 the Council for guidance in regards to the fireworks stand in town. Julius explained that he understands that the city issued a license to sell fireworks, but he believes some of the fireworks are illegal in the State of Illinois. The Council explained that the license is for the sale of legal fireworks only.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date