



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 14, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Groves. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Mayor Pro-Tem Groves, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Kepp was absent and Mayor Modglin arrived at 8:13 p.m. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Building Inspector Gary Kastl, Bill Teichmiller with E. J. Water, Police Chief Jon Julius, and Ron Rentfrow.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from April 23, 2012 as presented. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

BILL TEICHMILLER, E.J. WATER

Mr. Teichmiller from E.J. Water explained that they have completed the 3 million gallon water plant, completed the water line 1 mile south of Center Line road, and are currently placing the water line west of Neoga in Big Spring Township. Teichmiller said that he wanted to keep in contact with the City on their water issues, and encouraged the city to start on the water contract with the City of Mattoon as soon as possible.

POWER TOUR SIGN

Mayor Pro-tem Groves informed the Council that Sherman Weaver has asked the City to purchase a sign from him to be placed on RT. #45 welcoming travelers with the Power Tour that will be going through Neoga on June 5th. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to proceed with purchasing a small sign like the one presented to be placed along RT. #45 for the Power Tour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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GOLF CART ORDINANCE

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that she had a request to amend the Neighborhood Vehicle ordinance to allow the vehicles to be operated on the alleys and operate 24 hours per day since they have lights on the vehicle. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to allow the vehicles to operate 24 hours a day, operate on alleys and have the license fee of \$75 be valid from March to March. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RLF BYLAW

Mayor Modglin arrived and explained to the Council that the RLF board met to discuss the bylaws for the RLF program. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to decrease the interest rate to 0.0% on a case-by-case basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin reported to the Council that Neoga Township held their meeting tonight, and that their attorney Jim Grant attended the meeting. Modglin said that the Neoga Memorial Cemetery was discussed but no action was taken.

ZONING BOARD

Building Inspector Gary Kastl informed the Council that a zoning board meeting was held, and during that meeting the board discussed the possibility of dissolving the zoning board. The Council held a brief discussion and will ask the zoning board to attend a Council meeting to discuss the need of a zoning board.

VARIANCE AT 785 W. 10TH STREET

Building Inspector Kastl explained that the property owner at 785 W. 10th Street has requested a variance for a garage that will be 1'8" over the regulated size. Kastl said that the garage will be located on the back of the property which sits on a very large lot. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the requested variance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

VARIANCE AT 560 W. 8TH STREET

Building Inspector Kastl informed the Council that the property owner at 560 W. 8th Street requested a variance for a portable building. The request was for a building the size of 16 X16. In addition to the building, the owner also would like to add a carport. Kastl said that the Zoning Board agreed to the request, but it was a large building. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to allow the portable building

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to be 16 X 16 but not to allow the carport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM TAYLOR LAW OFFICE

The Council reviewed a pay request from Taylor Law Office for services rendered in the amount of \$97.50. Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the payment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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.

ORDINANCE #828-05-12

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE
PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES IN THE CITY
OF NEOGA**

After reviewing the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. 3-0.

PURCHASE OF BANNERS

Mayor Pro-tem Groves explained that the NCIS would like to purchase banners for the downtown area. Groves said that the banners are \$55.40 and poles are \$50 for a total of \$105.04 per pole plus shipping, and they would like to purchase 20. NCIS has \$1000 to place towards the purchase of banners but they are asking if the City would donate the remaining \$1200. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to contribute \$1200 to NCIS for the purchase of banners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR WATER TOWER

Phoenix Consulting presented a pay request for services rendered on the water tower. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request as

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presented in the amount of \$8,825. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQEUST FOR CDAP APPLICATION

Phoenix Consulting submitted a pay request for services rendered on the CDAP application. After reviewing the request, the Council decided to table the request until City Clerk Evans received additional information.

WATER DEPOSITS

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that water and sewer rates have increased over the past few years. The water deposits have not increase during this time, are no longer covering the amount of final bills. Evans explained that in most incidents, when someone moves out of a rental, their final bill is usually three (3) months of bills which would be over the current \$75 deposit. With little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to increase the water deposits from \$75 to \$100. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM CENTRAL TANK COATINGS

After reviewing the proposed pay request, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$113,760. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2012 MFT

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the bid openings for the 2012 MFT work will be conducted on May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

ABANDONMENT OF ALLEY SOUTH OF 4TH STREET

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that it has been brought to her attention that the property located south of 4th Street between Oak and Locust Avenue is in the processes of being sold. During the title policy research, it was found that an alley was plotted in the middle of the lot. The property owner would like to ask that the City abandon that alley because it is very unlikely that it will ever go further south because of rail road tracks, elevator, and the house located in the area to the south. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to abandon the alley south of 4th Street between Oak and Locust Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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CURB REPLACEMENT ON EAST 6TH STREET BETWEEN OAK AND LOCUST

City Clerk Evans presented a bid request from Hoelscher's Concrete to replace the curb and gutters on 6th Street from Oak to Locust Avenue. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$18,204. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

EMERGENCY PHONE TREE

Commissioner Hartke said that the Neoga Fire District is still gathering information and setting the criteria for making the emergency phone calls.

SIREN BATTERIES

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the sirens are now compliant with FCC requirements for 2013. However, Evans said that Global Tech informed her that batteries on all three sirens are over 4 years old and need to be replaced. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to table the purchase of the batteries until they clarify if they need all the batteries.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date