



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 29, 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, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Groves was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, and Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from May 14, 2012 as presented. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Kepp abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

Resolution #07-05-2012 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract for
Legal Services with Mark R. Karpus

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

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 \$155,350.66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

REIMBURSEMENT OF SEWER REPAIRS

City Clerk Evans explained that the property located at the corner of 6th and Chestnut had a broken sewer tile and the property owner has asked that the City participate in the repair. According to Evans, the property owner said the tile broke due to the street work that was done by the County. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hartke stating that the city employees did assist in the repair and the materials, and made a motion to not participate in paying for the repairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

WATER LINE EXTENSION ALONG RAIL ROAD STREET

City Clerk Evans said that a resident from outside the corporate limits has requested the City of Neoga extend the water line north along Rail Road Street. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to not extend the water line north of Neoga because of the cost. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

The Council reviewed a pay request from Phoenix Consulting. With no discussion being held, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the proposed request in the amount of \$3,250.00 for services rendered on the water tower. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM ATTORNEY KARPUS

Mayor Modglin explained the pay request from Attorney Karpus was from a letter that he sent to Mike Burton about placing a fence around his property located on Oak Avenue. With no discussion held, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$525. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2012 MFT

City Clerk Evans explained that MFT bids were open on May 23rd and the low bid was Earl Walker in the amount of \$160,235.50. With little discussion, the 2012 MFT road work was awarded to Earl Walker by a motion from Commissioner Hartke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

EMERGENCY PHONE TREE

Commissioner Lindley said that the Neoga Fire District is still gathering information.

SIREN BATTERIES

The Council reviewed a quote to replace the batteries in the early warning sirens. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to purchase the batteries in the amount of \$1862.86. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TREES ON BOULEVARDS

Commissioner Lindley said that he has seen some trees that are dead or a good portion of the trees are dead and would like to get them taken down or topped out before someone gets hurt. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Superintendent Helm construct a list together of these trees and get a quote to have those trees topped and/or cut down.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date