



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
NOVEMBER 13, 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. Others present were Police Chief Julius.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from October 22, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Kepp abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

MARTY COOPER, LIQUOR LICENSE

Mr. Cooper was not able to attend the meeting.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The Council reviewed the proposed personnel policy. Mayor Modglin explained that Commissioner Groves worked on revising the policy and wanted the council to discuss the vacation, clothing allowance, and overtime sections of the policy. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to continue to pay public works employees on weekends at 30 minutes per hour that the water plant is operated, and allow each full time employee a \$200 clothing allowance for shirts, pants, boots and jackets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

It was the consensus of the Council to table the vacation section of the personnel policy until Commissioner Groves attends the meeting.

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CHRISTMAS BONUS

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to give each full time employee \$50 in community bucks and part time employees \$20 in community bucks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PHONE SYSTEM

City Clerk Evans explained two different quotes for a new phone system. Evans explained that the current phone system is well over 20 years old and very outdated. One system quoted would require new wiring in both the municipal building as well as the public works/police department. The second quote would give the city new options like caller ID and voice mail. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to have City Clerk Evans check with Frontier about a phone system, and if they could not supply the same or better phone system to proceed with the system from Consolidated Communications in the amount of \$6,158.12 for the Avaya phone system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF JULIUS REPORT

Police Chief Julius reported to the Council that he is still trying to work out a contract with the Village of Sigel; however, the hourly fee may be too far apart to come to an agreement. Julius also said that he would like to have a budget for his department so that he knows what he can spend and what he can't. Mayor Modglin said that a budget system would be nice and would work towards that.

ORDINANCE #839-11-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO ADD ARTICLES IV AND V TO ALLOW VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS.

After reviewing the proposed Ordinance, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept Ordinance #839-11-12 to allow video gaming terminals within the City limits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, 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.

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IML RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE

City Clerk Evans explained the new insurance rates from IMLRMA and the increase for each department. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the full amount due and take advantage of the discount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

SENSUS CONTRACT

After reviewing the service contract with the hand held equipment company Sensus, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the fee in the amount of \$1,524.60. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Kepp updated the Council on the Neoga School Board meeting that he had attended recently. According to Kepp, the school will need to cut almost \$115,000 per month in expenses to stay out of the red. Kepp said that board member Tom Schutte stated that if the school continues on the same track that it currently is, the school will be broke within 18 months. Kepp said that there will be a special meeting next Tuesday and again during the last week of November with staff personnel present.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

PARKING ON EAST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET

Chief Julius said that he discussed the parking along east 6<sup>th</sup> Street with local businesses and had mixed responses. After discussing the pros and cons, it was the consensus of the Council to table the idea for a few months.

ORDINANCE #840-11-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEOGA  
REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES

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

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ORDINANCE #841-11-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF  
CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF  
THE CITY OF NEOGA TO PROHIBIT PARKING OF  
TRAILERS ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

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

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still working on cleaning up tires around town and the house on Shaffer. Lindley asked if anyone had any ideas on what to do about the rail road tracks on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets? Lindley said that they are getting very difficult to cross in a wheel chair. It was the consensus of the council to contact Cumberland County Highway department about a solution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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