



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 14, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Groves, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Kepp was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Helm, Building Inspector Gary Kastl, Nick Hanfland, and Loren Heal.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from October 24, 2011, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HANFLAND SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING

Nick Hanfland from Hanfland Sandblasting and Painting asked the Council to postpone the deadline of the painting on the water tower until spring of 2013. This would give them, as well as other construction companys, time to complete the work. Mr. Hanfland said that the water tower is in their back yard, and their company would love the opportunity to bid on the work. Hanfland said that postponing the work would not harm the tower interior or the exterior. The consensus of the Council was to notify the engineer Tom Overmyer, and extend the construction deadline as well as the bid opening date.

ORDINANCE #822-11-11 An Ordinance to Repeal Resolution No. 01-11-07 Entitled
“A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected
Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund”

With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept Ordinance #822-11-11 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PROFITS FROM IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that one of the confiscated vehicles has been sold on eBay for \$3285. Mayor Modglin asked if there was a specific fund that they wanted to deposit the funds in. City Treasurer Foor explained that currently she is placing \$500 per month in the police equipment reserve fund. Foor suggested placing the \$3285 into the Police equipment reserve fund and divert the \$500 into the equipment reserve fund for the public works department. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to place the \$3285 into the police equipment reserve fund and start placing the \$500 into the equipment reserve fund for the public works department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council that during the hiring process for the police department, some questions were raised about living inside the corporate limits. Mayor Modglin said that some great candidates applied but they were not willing to move into the corporate limits. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to leave the residency restrictions as is. Commissioner Hartke seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

REZONING OF 1038 OAK AVENUE

Building Inspector Gary Kastl informed the Council that the Zoning Board met and agreed to recommend that the Council rezone the property located at 1038 Oak Avenue from C1 to R1. Commissioner Hartke made the motion to rezone the property located at 1038 Oak Avenue from C1 to R1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

IMLRMA INSURANCE

The Council reviewed the liability and workers comp. insurance bill for the coming year. After discussing the increase in the liability premium and the decrease in workers comp., Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the premium in one payment to take advantage of the discount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR CELL PHONE FOR CHIEF OF POLICE

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Police Chief Julius would like to be reimbursed a monthly fee for cell phone service instead of carrying the assigned police phone. Evans said that Julius currently has a phone with a data package, and the police phone does not. Commissioner Groves said that he was not in favor of it because of liability issues if his phone was damaged. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

UNIFORMS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that it was time again to order new uniforms for the public works employees. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to purchase new shirts, jeans and jackets for the three (3) public works employees with a limit of \$400 per employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

SNOW ROUTE ON 6TH STREET, WALNUT AND CHESTNUT AVENUE

A brief discussion was held on the placing snow route along west 6th Street, Chestnut Avenue and Walnut Avenue. When cars are parked along those streets it is very difficult to plow snow. With public parking lots nearby, there should not be a problem with parking off the street. Commissioner Hartke made a motion to place snow routes on W. 6th Street from Oak Avenue to Elm Avenue, 5th Street to 7th Street on Chestnut, and 6th Street to 12th Avenue on Walnut. Once the snow reaches 2" in depth, vehicles will be towed at owner expense. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session for personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke at 8:24 p.m. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:36 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves and seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

HIRING NEW POLICE OFFICER

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to hire Andy Schabbing as a full time police officer at \$34,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Groves to adjourn the meeting at 8:51p.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