



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
NOVEMBER 26, 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 Foor, Gisele Hamm from IL. Institute for Rural Affairs, and Alan Baker.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 13, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR RURAL AFFAIRS – GISELE HAMM

Ms. Hamm from the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs presented to the Council the “Mapping Program”. Ms. Hamm explained the history of “Mapping” and how the program works. She explained that there needs to be approximately 25-60 residents to participate in the program. The committee will work to create a long range vision and an action plan. The cost for the Mapping program will be \$2,652.57. They would like to have sponsorships from residents and businesses. Ms. Hamm is currently scheduling for spring meetings, and it was the consensus of the Council to get started as soon as possible.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council discussed and decided to keep the December 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting as scheduled in the event something needs to be discussed.

Mayor Modglin reminded the Council and those in attendance that the Republican and Democratic parties will hold a caucus meeting on Tuesday December 4, 2012 at 6 p.m. The Republican Party will meet at the Municipal Building and the Democratic Party will meet at the Neoga Township building.

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**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**BILLS**

The Council reviewed the bills as presented. Mayor Modglin explained that the bills are higher this month because the liability insurance was paid as well as the new squad car and painting of the buildings. After no further discussion was held, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$138,563.01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RESOLUTION #09-11-12** A Resolution to Abate the 2013 Tax Levy Set Forth in Ordinance #751-03-05 Which Authorized the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds

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

**PAY REQUEST FROM GILBERT, METZGER, & MADIGAN**

The Council reviewed a pay request for audit services rendered from Gilbert, Metzger, & Madigan, and with little discussion Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

**PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING**

The Council reviewed a pay request from Phoenix Consulting for services rendered on the IKE grant. After the discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$ 7,694.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Kepp updated the Council on the Neoga Community School District. Kepp said that he attended the last meeting, and it may take up to two (2) months before they correct the negative monthly deficit. According to Commissioner Kepp the school officials were recently notified that the state will be requiring each school district to fund the teacher's retirement themselves. Kepp believes that the City of Neoga can help the school by continuing to push for community growth.

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**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

2013 MFT

Commissioner Hartke told the Council that he will be meeting with Superintendent Helm the first week in December to discuss the road work for 2013. Hartke will try to get the list of trees that need trimmed or cut down.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley said that he would like the City to send a thank you card to Howard's Disposal for the recycling that they have started in Neoga, and maybe put a sign up by the recycling containers stating that they are furnished by Howard's.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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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Date