



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
OCTOBER 11, 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, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Tom Overmyer, Gary Kastl, and Mike Veech

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from September 26, 2011, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Kepp arrived at 7:03p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

249 E. 6TH STREET – KEN WALK

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Mr. Walk would not be attending the meeting tonight.

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin reminded the Council and those attending the meeting that there is an informational meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. to update the general public on the status of the cemetery.

SALE OF POLICE WEAPONS

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Chief Mattern would like to purchase his service weapon. Evans explained that currently the police department has one extra weapon that has never been used, and he would like to purchase the weapon as he has done in the past. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to continue to follow the previous policy of not selling weapons except to a licensed dealer. Commissioner Lindley asked that the Council have time to discuss it and ask Chief Mattern to attend the next meeting about the sale of the weapons. Due to lack of a second, the motion died.

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DONATION TO PEACE MEAL PROGRAM

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that she explained the City's donation policy to the organization. They would have to ask the Township for a donation and to come back to us after that.

WEBSITE UPDATE

City Treasurer Diana Foor explained to the Council that she would like their input on updating the city's website. The police department portion especially needs updated. Commissioner Groves said that NCIS would like to see more businesses on the Neoga Website, and maybe even feature a different one each month. After a brief discussion, the Council asked that Foor get a quote and bring it back to them.

MIKE VEECH

Mr. Veech asked the Council for an extension on cleaning up his property located at 498 Walnut Avenue. Mr. Veech said that he has brought used material onto the property to better his property, and currently he agrees it is a mess. Veech said that with his current battle with cancer, he believes he can have the lumber moved by Monday, October 17th and the bricks moved by Monday November 7th. The Council explained that the property needed to be brought into compliance with the ordinances, but that they understand the problems he has come up against, so they agreed to the extension.

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.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

City Treasurer Foor explained that although she is certified this conference allows her to obtain continuing education hours which is needed to keep her certification. The conference is in Bloomington from November 13-17. After little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve City Treasurer Foor to attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

TOM OVERMYER – NEOGA WATER TOWER

Tom Overmyer discussed the painting and design on the water tower. Overmyer said that the red paint with fade resistant properties may increase the cost by \$10,000. The Council decided not to pursue painting the tower red. Overmyer said he will send new

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designs for the Council to renew. The designs will be for a white tower with the NEOGA logo and red stripes. Overmyer also informed the Council that the tower will be off line for approximately 45 to 50 days while the painting is being done. The tentative bid opening is set for November 18th with a completion date of May 31, 2012.

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to proceed with the bidding process after the logo is approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,770 for the services rendered for the water distribution system study.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

IKE GRANT

Mr. Overmyer said that all the agreements are sent in, and the surveyor should be in town later this month.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

LOCUST AVENUE ROAD CLOSED

The First Christian Church has requested closing Locust Avenue between 6th and 7th Street during the trick or treat hours on October 29th between 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

796 OAK AVENUE

Building Inspector Gary Kastl discussed with the Council a permit request from Mike Burton. He would like to place a pole barn on his property located at 796 Oak Avenue. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that additional information was required before a permit could be issued.

TIRE CLEANUP

Commissioner Lindley updated the Council that he is still working on a tire cleanup; however, the EPA does not have any programs available at this time.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp 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 Groves at 8:14 p.m. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:22 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp, and seconded by Commissioner Groves. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

HIRING OF CHIEF OF POLICE

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to offer the Chief of Police position to Jonathon Julius with a salary of \$42,000 per year and a 6 month probation period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date