



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
OCTOBER 22, 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, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Jon Julius, and Superintendent Tom Helm.

MINUTES

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from October 9, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT LOT 7 & 8 IN BACON AND JENNINGS ADDITION

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council that City Attorney Braden said there are two options on how the City legally can sell the property located in Bacon and Jennings Addition. One option is to have an appraisal of the property and sell it for no less than 80% of the appraised value. Option two is to take sealed bids for the property. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to present a long term lease to the Grace United Methodist Church.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The Council discussed the current personnel police and the need to update it. Commissioner Groves along with the City Clerk Evans, City Treasurer Foor, Superintendent Helm, and Police Chief Julius will meet on Monday October 29th, at 7:00 p.m., to make changes to the policy. It will then be presented to the Council for them to review.

POLICE UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Police Chief Jon Julius asked the Council for a uniform allowance for his department. After a lengthy discussion on how uniforms are purchased for all the departments, the Council asked Chief Julius to present an allowance to them.

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MAPPING COMMUNITY

City Treasurer Foor told the Council that she attended a meeting regarding mapping communities while attending the IML conference. Foor explained that mapping is a program where community members join forces and discuss a long-range vision for the development of the community and plan how to achieve it. According to Foor, they recommend that the community work on this project instead of the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to have a speaker come to a Council meeting to answer additional questions.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES
BILLS

The Council reviewed the proposed bills, and with little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,651.48. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

PAY REQUEST FROM SENSUS

The Council reviewed a pay request from Sensus for a yearly maintenance contract. Treasurer Foor said that she is worried that if the City does not pay the contract, the City will not receive the annual updates like they have in the past. It was the consensus of the Council to table the pay request until further information is received.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing a pay request from Phoenix Consulting, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$3,847.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

PARKING ON E. 6TH STREET

Police Chief Jon Julius asked the Council to consider changing the parking along east 6th Street between Oak and Maple Avenue. Chief Julius explained that the current vehicles are longer in length, and with the current parking situation some larger vehicles are extending out into the driving lanes. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the situation with the businesses along 6th Street and review it at the next meeting.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley reported that he is still working on the house on Shaffer, and would also like to see the east side rail road crossings on 5th, 6th, and 7th Streets repaired because they are very rough. It was recommended to contact TGM is see if they can assist with getting them replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session at 7:58 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commission Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date