



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Jon Julius, Larry Malcolm, Jack Harris, and Billie Chambers from the Toledo Democrat.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from September 10, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

DELBERT WILLIAMS, NEOGA PACKAGE LIQUOR

Was not present at the meeting.

LOADING ZONE ON RT#45

Larry Malcolm, owner of the property at 656 Oak Avenue, discussed the need to have a parking spot or a loading zone between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street on Oak Avenue. Mr. Malcolm explained that he will be having pickups and deliveries soon and will need a large truck or semi truck to load and unload items along RT #45. After a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to allow Mr. Malcolm to have a 15 minutes load / unload parking area along RT. #45 in front of his business if the Illinois Department of Transportation agrees.

JACK HARRIS, 529 LOCUST AVENUE

Jack Harris asked the Council if the police were able to run radar on Locust Avenue. Mayor Modglin said that they had an officer in the area running radar and found that during the 45 minutes that they were there, the fastest they clocked someone driving was 26 mph. Mr. Harris said that maybe during that time frame they were not driving over the speed limit, but usually the vehicles were going around 50 mph. After a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed to install "Children at play" signs and continue to have the police department run radar.

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**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 \$44,449.25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURERS INSTITUTE

City Clerk Evans asked permission to have City Treasurer Diana Foor attend the annual Treasurer's Institute from November 12-15 in Bloomington, Illinois. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve Mrs. Foor to attend the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

SELLING PRICE ON LOT 4 AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that a business developer would like to move a distribution center down to the industrial park on lot 4. Evans told the Council that she explained to the developer that the Council has always required at least 20 jobs be created before they gave the land to a business. According to City Clerk Evans the developer would like for the Council to place a price on the land in the event that the businesses would be willing to purchase Lot 4 in the Industrial Park. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to keep the required 20 job minimum on the lot and to have the developer bring in a business plan for the city to review.

HIGH SERVICE PUMPS AT WATER PLANT

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Superintendent Helm informed her that a new high service pump was needed at the water treatment plant. The quotes for a rebuilt pump would be higher than a new pump. After reviewing the quote, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase a new high service pump in the amount of \$5686. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the actions of the Neoga Township the past couple of meetings. Modglin said that their attorney informed the Township that they had three options: 1) fund the cemetery, 2) take the cemetery over, or 3) create a new taxing district for all the cemeteries. Mayor Modglin said that no action has been taken

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since that meeting and asked the Council what they wanted to do. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to contact States Attorney Barry Schaefer, and explain to him what their attorney stated and ask that he contact them to make sure the levy process was done correctly.

**PAINTING OF CITY OWNED PROERTY**

City Clerk Evans gave the quotes for the painting of the city owned buildings which were as follows:

Municipal Building	\$8500
Maintenance shop	\$5700
Police / Public Works	\$6300
Water Plant	\$8450

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the bids for the maintenance shop in the amount of \$5700 and the water plant in the amount of \$8450, and to hold off on the other two buildings until further information is received. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

No report was given.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

**ORDINANCE #838-09-12** An Ordinance Regulating Open Burning in the City of Neoga and Providing Penalties for Violations

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that a state statue regulates that no burning is allowed in communities over 1000 in population with the exception of landscape waste. After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 8:02 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commission Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:12 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves, and seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

**POLICE HOURS**

After a brief discussion, commissioner Kepp made a motion to extend the police coverage hours using part time police officers and to sell the 2003 Ford squad car. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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