



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JULY 23, 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. Commissioner Kepp was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Jon Julius, and Kevin McReynolds from Coles County Regional Planning.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from July 9, 2012 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, MAYOR MODGLIN**

**PUBLIC QUESTION REGARDING ELECTRIC AGGREGATION**

Kevin McReynolds from Coles County Regional Planning explained to the Council that area taxing districts like Mattoon, Charleston, Effingham, Coles County, Effingham County, and other area communities are placing a public question regarding electric aggregation on the ballot to be voted on at the general election on November 6, 2012. McReynolds told the Council that if this question passed, it would allow the city to take bids on electric services for the residents and small businesses within the corporate limits. This does not mean that all residents would have to participate, but it could give them a lower electric rate than they currently are receiving. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to place a public question on the general election ballot on November 6, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PARKING ON W. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Police Chief Julius told the Council that the City has received numerous complaints regarding the parking along west 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Julius said that he would like to see a no parking area along W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Walnut to Elm Avenue. With little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to make W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Walnut to Elm Avenue

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a no parking area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR MEDIACOM**

City Clerk Evans said that Mediacom is requesting an ordinance to extend their franchise agreement with the city. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to contact Mediacom and inquire about the trees they said they would purchase a few months ago; also inquire about Mediacom possibly purchasing banners, running service to the industrial park, and addressing the problems with Mediacom cable complaints.

**SOLICITORS ORDINANCE**

City Clerk Evans said the office has received numerous requests from door to door solicitors in the past couple weeks. Evans presented an ordinance from a neighboring community that requires the person to have a \$1000 deposit in the way of a money order, cashiers check or cash. Evans explained that after the merchandise, goods and/or service were delivered it could be refunded. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to amend the solicitor's ordinance that would require a deposit of \$1000, and increase the permit fee from \$25 to \$50. Only local schools and churches will be exempt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**NO LITTERING SIGNS**

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that he was approached by Mike Black about purchasing signs to place around Neoga about littering. Modglin said that he agreed to purchase 10 signs at \$15 each from the Cumberland County Highway Department. Mayor Modglin also told the Council that when he attended the Neoga Township meeting he agreed to pay for ½ of the cost of 25 littering signs for the township to place within the township. With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay \$150 to the Cumberland County Highway Department and \$187.50 for the township signs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

After reviewing the proposed insurance quotes, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the Coventry Health insurance quotes. 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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BILLS

The Council reviewed the proposed bills, and with little discussion Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,491.61. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

After reviewing the proposed Appropriation ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

NPDES PERMIT

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the \$5000 fee for the mandatory NPDES permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 3-1.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

The Council reviewed the pay request from Phoenix Consulting in the amount of \$600. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this pay request until they received a status of all the current projects.

PAY REQUEST FROM TOMCAT CONSULTANTS

The Council reviewed the pay requests from Tomcat Consultants. Commissioner Groves asked about the requested discount for city labor and equipment spent on the operation of the pump station provided by Tomcat Consultants. City Clerks Evans explained that the discount was given on invoice #012-40. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$14,087.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM CENTRAL TANK COATINGS

After reviewing the pay request from Central Tank Coatings, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$80,415. 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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**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

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After reviewing the pay request from Walker Company, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$165,336.65. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that he did not like to dictate to the citizens of Neoga on how to maintain their property. However, he understood the need for amending the nuisance ordinance, so Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. 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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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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