



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 26, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wayne 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, Bob Thomas, Bill Roderick, Tom Overmyer, Billie Chambers, Glenn Braden, and Mark Karpus.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 12th and the special meeting minutes from March 15th as presented. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Kepp abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that it was that time of year again to appoint the City Clerk and City Treasurer. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to appoint Brenda Evans as the City Clerk and Diana Foor as City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PURCHASE OF NEW RADIOS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

After reviewing the quotes for radios, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the quotes from Global Technical Systems for the following radios:

- Kenwood TK-7180HK Mobile Radio for base station at P.D. ---\$634
- Kenwood TK-7360HK VHF 50 Watt Mobile Radio for City Hall ----\$494
- Kenwood TK-7150H VHF 50 Watt Mobile Radio ---\$869.58

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

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DONATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR CEMETERY PAMPHLETS

The Council discussed the cost of the pamphlets that were made in 2011 regarding the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. City Treasurer Foor explained that the cost of printing those pamphlets was only \$51.60 because only a few were mailed. The others were handed out or delivered to area businesses by volunteers. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion that each Council member, with the exception of Commissioner Hartke, donate \$12.90. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CLOTHING DROP BOX

Mayor Modglin explained that Fred Honaker asked if he could place a clothing drop box across from the Municipal building to have clothes recycled. It was the consensus of the council to not allow the drop box because the Christian Church has a clothing ministry already.

CITY ATTORNEY GLENN BRADEN

City Attorney Braden introduced Attorney Mark Karpus who he recommended as the attorney to represent the City of Neoga in negotiations where Mr. Braden has a conflict. Mr. Karpus did tell the Council that he has experience with municipal and township taxing districts. Mr. Karpus reassured the Council that at this time he does not see any conflicts of interest with anyone in Neoga. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to hire Attorney Karpus as an assistant City Attorney with an hourly rate of \$175 for litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$282,999.43 of which \$213,500 was transferred from First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust to First Neighbor Bank to receive a better interest rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Ordinance 825-03-12 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #819-07-11 Setting Forth a Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2012 Commencing on May 1, 2011 and Ending on April 30, 2012

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After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept Ordinance #825-03-12 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

PAY REQUEST FOR WATER TOWER INSPECTION

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$3250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FOR IKE GRANT

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the IKE Grant pay request in the amount of \$7761.15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

WATER STUDY GRANT

City Engineer Tom Overmyer gave an update on the water study the Council approved in 2011 for approximately \$17,000. Overmyer said that he has worked with Superintendent Helm on the day to day operations of the water plant, and he cannot see any problems with the way the plant operates. However, the city may need to update some equipment in the future. Overmyer recommended that the scope of work be changed to include a grant application, and he suggested finishing the income survey on the west side of town. The grant application would cost approximately \$2000 and another \$1500 to finish the income survey on the west side of Neoga. This would leave \$8000 as matching funds for a grant, which is a 75% grant with 25% matching funds. The Council agreed with this change, and Overmyer said that the public hearing will be set for April 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

2012 MFT

Commissioner Hartke informed the Council that the road work has been submitted to IDOT, and the bid letting will be set in the near future. Hartke said that the total estimated cost for the road work this year is \$198,507.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

EMERGENCY PHONE TREE

Assistant Emergency Director Bob Thomas discussed the possibility of using a phone tree along with the early warning sirens during severe weather. Thomas explained that there is a lengthy delay between the time that Lincoln Weather Center issues the warning and when Cumberland County Sheriff Department sets the sirens off. This delay, according to Thomas, is because Lincoln contacts the state police who then contact the County. Thomas told the Council that if Lincoln Weather issues a tornado warning, the Neoga fire department usually sets the sirens off themselves. Thomas said that the sirens work great if people are outside; however, they are very hard to hear when residents are indoors or asleep. According to Thomas, there is a system that will call over 3000 phones within one minute to notify people of a tornado warning for this area. Thomas said that the fire department would set the sirens off only for a tornado warning, and use the phone tree for tornado warnings, high winds, or large damaging hail. City Clerk Evans said that the problem with using the current calling system that the city uses is that no calls can be made between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., and the calls will continue for two hours if there is no answer. With the Emergency 911 program, the city could set its own time frame and how many times the calls are made. The cost for this program is approximately \$900 annually plus \$.16 per emergency call. The total for the first year would be around \$2000. It was the consensus of the Council to ask the fire department to help defray the cost and including calls to be made to residents of the entire fire district.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date