



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013, 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, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Kepp arrived at 7:03 p.m. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Police Chief Schabbing, and Tom Strohl.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke asked that the minutes be changed to delete his name on the vote on the payment of the bills because he was not at the meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. After that note, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from October 28, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

Resolution #17-10-13 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate (Parking Lot – E. Sixth Street)

The Council reviewed Resolution #17-10-13. With no discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**UPDATE OF TAXING BODIES**

Mayor Modglin reminded the Council about the CCDC Annual Chili Cook-off on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer Foor said that MAPPING Group 4 members are working on a Veteran's Memorial, MAPPING Group 1 and will be hosting a Christmas Walk for the downtown businesses. Other taxing district updates would be given at the next meeting.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk

**LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The Council reviewed the annual insurance premium from Illinois Municipal League. Mayor Modglin said that in the past we have paid the bill in one payment to take advantage of the discount, even though they offer installment plans. Modglin said that the

insurance premium did increase by \$3,279.31. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the premium in full of \$57,278 minus the 1.5% discount of 859.17 for a total of \$56,418.83. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke, Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**  
**IKE GRANT EASEMENTS**

City Clerk Evans explained that we are still waiting on two easements to be signed. One easement should be signed in the next couple days; however, the other one is still being reviewed by the attorney.

**SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS GRANT**

City Treasurer Foor said that she received the paperwork from engineers Milano and Grunloh regarding the now open safe route to schools grant. Foor explained that it is still an 80/20 match; however, it does not require school to school routes. With no discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to proceed with the grant application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**Resolution #18-11-13** A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Phoenix Consulting Engineers, LTD for Design Services for Construction of a New Water Main System for Sixth Street from Chestnut to Wilson Avenue.

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

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

Commissioner Hartke asked that an article be placed in the paper asking residents of Neoga to assist the public works department by disposing of any fallen leaves so that they do not block any culverts when it rains.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley asked that the Council review making the alley west of the post office one way. This was discussed in the past, but the postmaster at the time did not want it done because they would be required to change the postal routes. It was the consensus of the council to contact the current postmaster and get her opinion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Strohl informed the Council that a scam was going around the area targeting senior citizens. Strohl asked the City to put a public service announcement out on local media.

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Strohl also pointed out that the Veteran's Memorial Parkway sign located at 6th & Oak Avenue needs to be moved so that it can be read. He also asked that the police department place activity reports in the Neoga News and that the neoga.org website is not working correctly. The Council thanked him for his comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session – Section 2 (c) (1) – employee firing, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Hartke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, 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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Date