



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
NOVEMBER 14, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Public Works Superintendent Helm, Richard Russell, Amy Frailey, and Blake Ballinger.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from October 24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Commissioner Hartke abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

REZONING OF 114 E. 9TH STREET

City Clerk Evans told the Council that this property is located on the corner of 9th and Oak Avenue, and recently the Neoga Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing to rezone this property from C1 to R1. After hearing no comments at the public hearing, the Neoga Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the City Council rezone this property from C1 to R1. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to rezone 114 E. 9th Street from a C1 to R1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ONE CITY SANITATION SERVICE

City Clerk Evans said that recently a sanitation company met with her to discuss the possibility of having only one sanitation service for the city instead of three. Evans told the Council there are advantages and disadvantages to having only one company. Advantages would be that each homeowners would have a lower rate than they currently do the city would know who to send repair bills to if a tinhorn is damaged. Everyone's trash would be picked up on the same day. Some of the disadvantages are the fact that some people do not pay to have their trash hauled off, or they take it somewhere, so that would be a cost to those people. Billing would be done in conjunction with the water and sewer billing system. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to place this question on the survey that is being sent out and discuss it at a later date.

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Mayor Kepp also commented on the Neoga Veterans' Memorial Park dedication on Sunday. Mayor Kepp thanked each and every person who help make the dream come true and those who donated to the park. It will be treasured for a long time.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE
TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given.

LIGHT FIXTURES AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ANNEX

City Clerk Evans asked Sudkamp Plumbing and Heating about their bid for the lighting at the municipal building and annex. Mr. Sudkamp came in and explained that his bid included replacement of all fixtures and replacing them with LED lights. Evans asked if Sudkamp could give the Council a bid for refurbishing the lights with LED which he did, at a cost of \$130 per light. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to wait until the lighting grant was reapplied for before replacing the lights.

Commissioner Stokes said that she was out during trick or treat night, and some people asked if next year Chestnut between 5th and 7th Street and 6th Street between Locust and Walnut Avenue could be closed during those hours. Stokes said the only other comments she heard was that the police department was not out patrolling, but they were handing out candy which upset some people.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
2016 MFT EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

After reviewing the statement, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve Mayor Kepp signing on the 2016 MFT Expenditure Statement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Commissioner Edwards asked if we had received any quotes on the trees that needed to be cut down, but Evans said she is still waiting on a completed list from Superintendent Helm.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that the building located on the northwest corner of 6th and Chestnut was looking really good after they tuck-pointed and painted the building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Treasurer Foor said that she checked on the welcome signs and they are done and should be installed this week. Superintendent Helm said that everything is going well at the water and waste water plants, and they will be hauling sludge until Wednesday afternoon.

Richard Russell asked if the city could install more handicap parking locations in Neoga. After a lengthy discussion, it was discovered that only Sav-Mor and the Villa on 45 do not have any handicap parking. It was the consensus of the council to discuss this with each business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to move into executive session for Sale or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2 (c) (6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c) (5) – includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased or lease by the public body at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:26 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date