



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
NOVEMBER 24, 2014, 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 & Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Billie Chambers, John Juliano, John J. Klein, John Klein, Jr., Kathleen Klein, Tony Reynolds, and Ivan Sparling.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

JOHN KLEIN

John Klein from Klein Excavating addressed the council about his concern of being compensated for all of the 30" pipe and backfill rock that was used on the IKE project. Mayor Modglin explained that the City hired our engineer, Tom Overmyer, to take care of all matters relating to the project, and Mr. Overmyer recommended paying the pay request as submitted. However, the council did not have a copy of that pay request, so it was the consensus of the council to table it until the next meeting. Mayor Modglin invited Mr. Klein to once again discuss it with Mr. Overmyer and try to come to an agreement about the total payment amount.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Commissioner Groves made a motion to allow police department employees to purchase boots in lieu of a winter jacket. He also required that the reimbursement amount not exceed \$100. His is in addition to uniform allowance. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley & Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$79,671.49. Foor noted that there was a large bill for the annual liability & workman's comp. insurance included in the total. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves & Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Tony Reynolds from Dimond Brothers Insurance explained that there were no cost effective options for HSA insurance plans. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the health insurance quote from Health Alliance with Dimond Brother's Insurance and pay 100% of the employee cost. This plan is considered a Point of Service (POS) plan. Foor noted that the quoted monthly premium is \$3,190, but this may increase if one of the employees decided to sign up for the policy. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley & Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

ALEXANDER CEMETERY MONUMENT

Mayor Modglin explained that William Alexander brought in an estimate to replace the slab of marble under his monument. Alexander accused the mowing company of chipping the front corners of the slab. According to Treasurer Foor, Alexander stated that the monument was set in August, 2011. Our current mowing company, M & E Tree & Lawn Service was mowing at that time, and has been hired every year since. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that M & E was responsible, and they should pay for the cost of the repair.

**STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

PAY REQUEST FOR IKE GRANT

The council did not have copies of the pay request, so it was tabled until the next meeting.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

PROPERTY AT 880 WALNUT AVE

Foor explained that the City received an email from Wells Fargo concerning property located at 880 Walnut Avenue. She stated that the company expressed interest in donating this property to the City. Foor also explained that City Clerk Evans has been in

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contact with the school to see if they could use this property as an industrial arts project to fix up and sell. Mayor Modglin suggested checking to see if we could donate the property straight to the school and let them do with it what they want. The council was in agreement on the matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Juliano reminded the council that the City is hosting a Business Retention meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>. He invited and encouraged the council to attend.

Ivan Sparling, Jr. at 764 Elm addressed the council. He claims the police broke into his home recently while he was away. When he returned home the door was broken. Nothing was missing from the home, but he accused the police of breaking the door down while doing a wellness check on him. Chief Schabbing assured Mr. Sparling that he has talked to every one of his officers, and none of them were called to his address. Chief Schabbing suggested that Mr. Sparling contact the Sheriff's department and fill out a freedom of information request asking for the phone and radio logs for that time period.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley & Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date