



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
NOVEMBER 25, 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, Groves, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Others present were City Treasurer Foor and Superintendent Helm.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from November 12, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

NEOGA WELCOME SIGNS

Mayor Modglin explained to the council that MAPPING group #4 has chosen a design for the welcome signs. The council was given a copy of the options, and they agreed that they liked the selected design. Foor will contact both companies that sent original quotes to get a final price, but it should not exceed \$4,750.00 per sign installed. Mayor Modglin said he would like to order two signs; one for each entrance into town on Route 45. He would like to see the sign north of town be placed on the west side of the road in the grassy area south of Lauren's Paws and Claws. The council agreed with this location. Commissioner Groves made a motion to purchase 2 welcome signs at a cost of no more than \$4,750.00 per sign. Commissioner Kepp seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

Mayor Modglin updated the council on MAPPING Group #1. This group is sponsoring a residential Christmas lighting contest for Neoga. They are asking for a donation for the prize money. The winner will receive \$75, second place is \$50, and third place is \$25. Commissioner Groves made a motion to donate a total of \$150 for prizes. Commissioner Kepp seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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CHRISTMAS BUSINESS WALK

Foor explained that MAPPING group #1 is sponsoring a Business Christmas Walk in conjunction with the Children's shopping spree on December 7th from 8:00 – noon. Santa will be at the Fire Hall to draw for Neoga Merchant Dollars shortly after noon. Foor is asking for a donation of \$100 for the Merchant Dollars that will be used for prizes. She explained that NCIS will match this amount. Neoga IGA is also donating a gift certificate. Commissioner Groves made a motion to donate \$100 in Neoga Merchant Dollars for prizes. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

UPDATE ON OTHER TAXING BODIES

Mayor Modglin updated the council on MAPPING group #4 activities. They military signs were put up before Veteran's Day. The group will vote at the December 19th meeting to decide the company that will construct the Veteran's Memorial.

The CCDC Chili Cook-off was a big success. Modglin reported that there were many types of chili to try, and a lot of nice auction items. The Children's Binga was new this year, and it was well attended.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$160,533.05. Foor noted that there were a few large bills in the total, including the annual liability & workman's comp. insurance payment and the MFT road work payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM GILBERT, METZGER, & MADIGAN, LLP

With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bill for the annual audit for fiscal year 2013 to Gilbert, Metzger, & Madigan in the amount of \$7,175.00. Commissioner Kepp seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEERS - IKE GRANT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay Phoenix Consulting Engineers \$300.00 for work done on the IKE project. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING - 6th St WATERMAIN

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay Phoenix Consulting Engineers \$\$4,225.00 for the design phase of the 6th St. water main replacement. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0. Tom Helm questioned the size of the replacement line. The council suggested he contact Tom Overmyer to get the answers and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kepp asked Helm when they were planning on putting up the Christmas decorations. Helm informed the council that they are ready, but it will be next week because that is the soonest they will have access to the lift.

Kepp also thanked the employees for coming out during the recent Sunday storm to remove a tree that had fallen over a street.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

Nothing to report

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley would like to see rock filled in where a piece of sidewalk was removed at 586 East 6th Street. Helm said he would take care of it.

He would also like to have the trees trimmed at the north end of Shaffer Avenue. Helm said he would take care of that as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Groves, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date