



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
OCTOBER 14, 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, Hartke, Mayor Modglin and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Floor, Superintendent Helm, Peace Corps Fellow John Juliano, Neoga News Editor Martin Gibson, Engineer Larry Johnson, and Engineer Andy Hanfland. Commissioner Kepp and Commissioner Groves were absent.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from September 22, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

**ENGINEER LARRY JOHNSON, FARNSWORTH GROUP**

Engineer Larry Johnson announced to the Council that his office in Champaign has been purchased by Farnsworth Group. According to Johnson this will allow his office to assist Neoga from the office in Champaign, Effingham, or one of the many other offices in Illinois. Johnson explained the many municipal engineering services that Farnsworth Group is experienced in, and he introduced Andrew Hanfland from the Effingham office. Hanfland continued to tell the council that Farnsworth is very excited to add the expertise that Johnson and his staff has to the Farnsworth family and assured the council that Neoga will be extremely pleased with the services that Farnsworth Group can provide to Neoga.

**INTERSTATE SIGN ADVERTISING**

Peace Corps Fellow Juliano told the council that he has researched the cost for businesses to advertise on the interstate and found it to be very costly. Juliano said that the application fee is \$100 which the City agreed to pay months ago; however, the yearly maintenance fee is \$660 plus the purchase of a sign that is at least 709.62. In other words, if a local business wanted to participate in advertising the initial startup cost would be over \$1,369.62. Juliano asked if any of these costs could be absorbed by the city for the first year. It was the consensus of the Council to check and see if any TIF funds could be used.

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RESOLUTION # 14-10-14 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY AS EXCESS, DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE AND REPEALING A RESOLUTION THEREIN NAMED

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Motion carried. 3-0.

RESOLUTION 15-10-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR WARRANTY DEED WITH RENIA D. HOLLEY, AARON K. HOLLEY, AND ARH HOLDINGS, LLC.,

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, one. Motion carried. 3-0.

ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the zoning board met recently and discussed at great length who should be appointed to replace two members. According to Evans, the zoning board recommended Dustin Hakman and Dave Reynolds. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the two recommended replacements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CLOSING OF LOCUST AVENUE BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET

City Clerk Evans informed the council that the First Christian Church has requested permission to close Locust Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street for a few hours on October 31<sup>st</sup> for their holiday festival. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to close the street as requested for safety purposes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

SCOTT & MICHELLE HENNESAY

The Hennesays did not attend the meeting to discuss a sewer adjustment.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING LIGHTING

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Peace Corp Fellow Juliano is still researching any possible grants for the replacement of lights and will bring it back to the council at a later date.

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**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

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.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Johnson informed the Council that a draft NPDES permit has been issued recently, and the EPA did add ammonia limits to the permit along with a timetable. According to Johnson, over the next few months the city will have to complete a report to show how we plan to comply with the new requirements. Mayor Modglin asked how EPA expects Neoga residents to pay for this type of upgrade, and Johnson touched on the EPA and Rural Development loans. Johnson said that he will be in close contact with Superintendent Helm on these upgrades.

PURCHASE OF SALT/SAND BUILDING

Tabled until later date.

ORDINANCE 862-10-14      AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE 50 FEET  
WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF LOT  
3 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 1.

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, None. Motion carried. 3-0.

CONCRETE BIDS FOR SHOP FLOOR

Superintendent Helm presented three bids to pour concrete on the shop floor. According to Helm, this would solve a problem with the flooding in that section of the building, as well as provide some needed storage area for items that are now located outside the shop. The bids came in as follows: Bartels \$16,087.50, Schultz \$18,320, and Hoelscher \$21,995. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the bid from Bartels. However, the motion died due to a lack of a second.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

IKE PAY REQUEST

After reviewing a pay request from Phoenix Consulting Engineers, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$13,188.60 for services rendered. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp 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**