



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
OCTOBER 15, 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. Others present were Superintendent Helm, and Tom Strohl. City Treasurer Foor arrived at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Evans took roll call. Those present were Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from September 23, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from September 23, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

STREET SIGN INCOME

City Clerk Evans asked if the Council would be willing to donate the money raised from the sale of old street signs to the MAPPING organization. This amount is just over \$200. With little discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to donate the money collected from the sign sales to the MAPPING organization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

UPDATE OF TAXING DISTRICTS

Mayor Modglin reminded the Council that the Cumberland County Development Corporation will be holding a chili cook-off / Auction on November 16th. Modglin also mentioned that they are still looking for someone to serve on the committee as a member at large. The meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Modglin also told the Council that he attended the grant presentation where the City of Neoga received \$8,051 to be used as the city wished.

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Commissioner Lindley did not have a report for the library or the park district.

Commissioner Hartke did not have a report for the Fire District at this time.

Treasurer Diana Foor told those present that the MAPPING group is moving forward with the Veterans Memorial and is trying to get a presentation together for the Veteran's Day breakfast at the Neoga Middle School.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

IKE GRANT

No report at this time.

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

The Council reviewed the correspondence from Taylor Law and Jim Grant. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until Mr. Grant can attend a township meeting.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the phone conference with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Mayor Modglin said that the conference call involved not only himself, but Representative Brad Halbrook, Senator Dale Righter, Engineer Matt Johnson, Administrator Evans, Superintendent Helm, and approximately four representatives from IEPA. Modglin said that the EPA explained why the upgrade to the waste water treatment plant was necessary. Superintendent Helm explained that some procedures were changed, and he is hopeful that the required readings could be met. Helm and Engineer Johnson asked if the IEPA could extend the deadline until a full cycle of seasons could be monitored. Johnson explained that the required numbers are harder to meet in the winter than in the summer months. Representative Halbrook agreed that an 18 month extension should be given so that additional data could be obtained. Mayor Modglin said that when the conference call ended it was the consensus that an 18 month extension would be given.

WATER TOWER WARANTEE WORK

No report as of yet.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

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City Clerk Evans told the Council that County Engineer Ben Bland asked if the City would be willing to participate in having either 5th Street or 6th Street designated as an 80,000 lb. truck route. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to

review the matter further and to discuss who would maintain the route after it was completed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley reported that he is still waiting to hear about 811 Shaffer Street, and a tire recycling project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to move into executive session – Section 2 (c) (1) – employee firing, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 8:05 p.m. m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Lindley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Strohl expressed his thoughts about the new flowers planted along 6th Street and his concerns on who will maintain them. Mayor Modglin said that the City Council is doing everything it can to promote the MAPPING program, and if someone is willing to make Neoga a better community then the Council should be willing to support them.

Mr. Strohl also asked what the requirements were for posting agendas for the meetings. City Clerk Evans explained that the agenda must be posted at least 48 hours in a location where the general public can review the agenda 24 hours a day. The agenda also must be posted on the outside of the room where the meeting will be held. Mr. Strohl said that he noticed that the date on the bottom of the posted agenda had incorrect dates as to when the agenda would be removed. Evans apologized for the typographic error.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date