



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
OCTOBER 24, 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, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Schabbing, Public Works Superintendent Helm, Richard Russell, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from October 11th as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

LIGHTING QUOTES FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING & ANNEX

City Clerk Evans reminded the Council that a couple years ago, the Peace Corp Fellow that was working for Neoga wrote a grant for new lights in the municipal building as well as the annex building. Although, the city was awarded that grant, it was placed on hold due to the state budget issues. Evans said recently she received a phone call from the state regarding that grant and the funds are now being released. However, we need to reapply for the grant. With that being said, Evans said that the grant should go through again. Either way, the lights need to be replaced in both buildings before the election in November. City Clerk Evans said that she has received two quotes for the new lights and both companies did quote LED lights. Evans said that although LED would be great and would last longer than T8's they do cost more and the return may be longer because some lights are not used as often as in the office area. Mayor Kepp read the bids as follows:

LED Concepts & Designs	\$ 96.88 each
Sudkamp's	\$235 each

After a lengthy discussion and review of the quotes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the bid for LED Concepts & Designs to replace all the lights in the municipal building and the annex building. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Evans also told the Council that if the grant paperwork came through for the lighting, the Council might want to get quotes for the public works buildings as well.

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PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDING/CARPORTS

City Clerk Evans said that she has received another request regarding a portable building being moved into a resident's property without a building permit. Evans said that she has been informed about a number of these units that have been moved in recently without permits and wanted to know if the council wanted to address these. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with sending letters to the individuals about correcting the problems.

REZONING OF 114 E. 9TH STREET

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the zoning board held a public hearing on Wednesday October 12th regarding the rezoning of 114 E. 9th Street. Although the written minutes from that meeting were not available as of today, it was the recommendation from the Neoga Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone 114 E. 9th Street from C1 to R1 residential. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to rezone the property from C1 to R1 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$157,851.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

City Clerk Evans said that at this time, Milano & Grunloh are still waiting on the extension letter to proceed.

REPLACEMENT OF HIGH SERVICE PUMP

Superintendent Helm told the Council at the last meeting they voted to repair two high service pumps. However, one of the quotes to repair one pump was incorrect and would have been higher due to the extent of the damage. After receiving the new quote, it would cost approximately \$100 more to replace the pump and it would include a warranty. After reviewing the quote, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase the new high service pump at a cost of \$6,876. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
TREE REMOVAL

Commissioner Edwards told the Council that the city office received a complaint about some trees on the city boulevard. Edwards said that he looked at the trees in question and although on had some dead limbs in the top, the others looked healthy. Superintendent Helm said that he agreed they looked ok but some did need to be topped out. After the brief discussion, Superintendent Helm will make a list of all the trees on the city right of way that need to be addressed and get quotes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
CONFINED SPACE TRAINING

Commissioner Lindley said that he has the information from the University of Illinois regarding the confined space training but a list of attendees has not been completed as of yet. City Clerk Evans and Superintendent Helm will work on that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None was given.

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 at 7:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date