



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
OCTOBER 27, 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, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Helm, Peace Corps Fellow John Juliano, Police Chief Schabbing, and Neoga News Editor Martin Gibson.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from October 14, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Commissioners Kepp and Groves abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN**

**JACK HARRIS – TRUCK TRAFFIC**

City Clerk Evans said that Mr. Harris stopped by the office and complained about the heavy truck traffic on Locust Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to leave the area as is.

**TIF DISTRICT**

Mayor Modglin updated the council on the TIF district and said that Evans has a meeting next week to get additional information.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

**BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$134,538.34. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

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### **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

#### PURCHASE OF SENSUS HANDHELD WATER METER READER & ACCESSORIES

Superintendent Helm told the Council that the water department has two (2) hand held meter readers; however, the oldest one will not stay charged and is outdated. Helm said the cost to purchase a new handheld and wand will be a total of \$6,600. Helm said that the handheld will also have an upgrade that allows for radio read meters. Helm said that radio read meters are not cost effective for all areas of town, so he would like to purchase six(6) for the meters along RT #45 for safety purposes. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase 6 radio read meters, a wand, and a handheld for a total of \$7,380. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

#### CONCRETE SHOP FLOOR

Superintendent Helm asked the council to review the quotes for concreting the shop floor. Helm said that if the floor was concreted it would allow for additional storage for items that are currently located outside of the shop. Mayor Modglin said that he would not have a problem having the floor concreted if everything was cleaned up and organized. Commissioner Hartke said he feels that there should be other means to keep that floor dry and to organized. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the bid from Bartels Construction in the amount of \$16,087.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Hartke and Groves. Motion carried 3-2.

#### SLUDGE REMOVAL

Superintendent Helm told the Council that he met with Engineer Tom Overmyer regarding the NPDES permit for the wastewater treatment plant. According to Helm, Overmyer recommended that the city send a letter to the IEPA requesting an additional 36 month extension to become compliant with their requirements. Helm said that Overmyer knew of a firm that has been very successful in getting at least a 30 month extension to rehab wastewater treatment plants for other communities. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Modglin suggested that both Farnsworth Engineers and Phoenix Consulting give the council an analysis on why they feel the city should or should not go to a lagoon system.

### **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

#### IKE DRAINAGE

No report was given.

#### TREE & STUMP REMOVAL

Superintendent Helm gave a list of trees on public right-of-way that he felt needed to be removed due to safety hazards. The quote came in at \$5,000 from M & E Tree Service. The Council

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reviewed all the trees, and after a lengthy discussion about the trees being dead or on city right-of-way, Commissioner Groves made a motion to remove a partial tree on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Walnut Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**Howard W. Modglin, Mayor**

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**Brenda Evans, City Clerk**

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**Date**