



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Hartke, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Richard Russell, Mahayla Oakley, Cathy Oakley, Kyla Potter, and Missy Potter.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from August 22, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

WELCOME SIGNS

City Treasurer Diana Foor told the Council that she received three (3) quotes from area sign companies which are as follows:

- Effingham Signs.....\$3390 – installed
- Designs Unlimited.....\$4200 – installed
- Monitor Signs.....\$7140 – installed.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase the three signs from Effingham Signs for \$3390 with installation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, Commissioner Hartke, and Lindley. Motion carried. 3-2.

NEOGA VETERANS' MEMORIAL DEDICATION DONATION

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the Neoga Veterans' Memorial committee has been working very hard, and in just over 2 years has raised over \$65,000 and has set a date for the dedication on November 13, 2016. Their desire is to have a very nice dedication ceremony with gifts for everyone who attends the reception. At this time, the committee would like to ask for a \$3,000 donation to help offset the rental of chairs, decorations, hat pins, keychains and any other items that will be needed. After a long discussion regarding the need for the dedication to be very nice, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to donate \$3000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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### ATTENDING TREASURERS INSTITUTE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that City Treasurer Foor needs to accumulate education hours to keep her certification. Evans said that the next Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association institute will be November 13-17 in Bloomington. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to allow Foor to attend the Treasurers Institute. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### EFFINGHAM DAILY NEWS AD

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Chief of Police Andy Schabbing has been nominated as one of the “2016 Top Community Leaders Under 40”. Evans asked if the Council would allow an ad congratulating him as a City of Neoga employee. Commissioner Stokes said that it is a wonderful opportunity to bring a positive to Neoga and made the motion to purchase an ad for \$300. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### LIMITING NUMBER OF VIDEO GAMING MACHINES

Commissioner Hartke said that he asked City Clerk Evans to research the number of video gaming machines the local communities had. City Clerk Evans said that she did print out the number of machines in each community as well as how much that community received from the machines in the month of July. Evans also said that the City of Mattoon is discussing the number of machines and the pros and cons of limiting the number in the community. A lengthy discussion was held, and the council asked Evans to bring addition information back to the next meeting.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Kepp ordered the financial reports to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

### RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR TIF FUNDS

The TIF fund account is starting to get a large amount of money, and no one has applied for the fund yet. City Treasurer Foor recommended to the council to open a money market account and move some of the funds to move some of the funds to a higher interest bearing account. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to open the account at First Neighbor Bank and move some funds in the higher interest bearing account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES**  
**WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

No report was given.

**PURCHASE OF LOCATOR**

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Superintendent Helm was not able to be here, but he has requested that the city purchase a new locator. Currently the department is using a metal detector, and it is not working to the capacity that it needs to. Commissioner Edwards said that he agreed with that and made the motion to purchase a new locator  
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2000 in the amount of \$569.99. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 09-09-16** A Resolution of Support for a CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant Application for Constructing Phase 1 – Targeted Water System Improvements and Commitment of City Funds Towards the Project.

After reviewing the proposed resolution, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

No report was given.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

No report was given.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Missy Potter asked if the City would put some rock behind the Christ Fellowship Church on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Avenue in the alley. Potter said that they use the alley a lot for parking and it would help some of their members.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Stoke 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 as well as Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c) (5) – includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body at 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:12 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Hartke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date