



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Kepp arrived at 7:02. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Engineer Tom Overmyer, Cathy Strohl, and Tom Strohl.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from September 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from September 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER

City Clerk Evans told the council that the police department has one computer that has not been working at all, and Chief Schabbing received a quote to have it repaired. According to SDS the cost to repair the 8+ year old computer would be \$325.79. Evans said a new computer was quoted at \$1,212. Evans reminded the Council that if they fixed the old computer it would be operable; however, it would still be almost 10 years old. Evans said the department could purchase a new desk top computer and use the current computer as the spare. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase a new computer for the police department at \$1,212 using police reserve funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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UPDATE OF TAXING DISTRICTS

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that at the Neoga Park District meeting, the board discussed moving the new skate board park from the tennis court area to the south west corner of the park. According to Lindley, there were citizens present requesting the move due to the potential increase in the level of noise and possible discipline problems. However, a new concrete slab would cost over \$7300 which the park could not afford at this time. Lindley said that the people in attendance at the meeting felt so strong about it that they are willing to fundraise for the money.

Commissioner Kepp told the Council that he didn't have anything new on the school board other than they still do not have answers to the problems.

Commissioner Hartke updated the Council on the fire department. Hartke said that the department recently received a grant in the amount of \$37,000 for a new air machine.

Commissioner Groves had no report for the Cumberland County Board.

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he is really disappointed in the community regarding the MAPPING program. Modglin said that numerous citizens like to complain about thing in the city through Facebook, but they have not volunteered to help with any committees. Modglin said the city planted the seed but it is not growing.

HIRING OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Superintendent Helm conducted interviews to fill the public works position. Evans and Helm both agreed the best candidate would be Scott Shumard. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to hire Scott Shumard as a full time employee in the public works department with a rate of pay at \$13 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$27,812.31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

IKE GRANT

City Engineer Tom Overmyer told the Council that he had some items to discuss but it needed to be in executive session.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session – Section 2 (c) (5) – the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public at 7:24 p. m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 7:39 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin

WATER TOWER INSPECTION

Engineer Overmyer told the Council that the report was back from the water tower inspection. Overmyer said that a few spots will need to be touched up which will require the water tower being emptied again. Overmyer said he will coordinate the tower with Superintendent Helm.

REPLACEMENT OF WATER PLANT PUMP HOUSE

Mayor Modglin opened the bids for rebuilding the water plant pump house. Three bids were received, and Mayor Modglin read them as follows:

- Eaton Construction.....\$19,666
- Neoga Builders.....,\$19,250 with the option of bat insulation \$16,400
- AKRA Buildings.....\$21,985

After reading of the bids, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$19,250 from Neoga Builders. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Kepp abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Superintendent Helm asked about the difference in the insulation for the building. Commissioner Kepp told the Council that the bat insulation would be rated lower than the foam insulation. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to use bat insulation to bring the cost of the project to \$16,400.

Superintendent Helm updated the Council on the installation of the new pumps. Helm said everything went well with the exception of the need for a new check valve which will cost approximately \$3,000.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

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Superintendent Helm said that the road work is scheduled to be completed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley said that he did not have anything to report on the Shaffer property as of yet, nor on the tire recycling program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tom Strohl pointed out some items that needed the attention of the city staff. Strohl informed the Council that the public works department needs to clean the ditches along 6th Street before any oil and chip is done on Burrows or Shaffer so that standing water flows away. Strohl recommended cleaning from Shaffer and 6th Street down to approximately ½ the block to the west. Mr. Strohl also recommended that there be additional safety training for all the city employees. Mayor Modglin said that he would support the employees trained on many different items but it would have to be a true training not just something for the employees to sign off on.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date