



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Mayor Modglin and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Floor, Peace Corps Fellow John Juliano, and Neoga News Editor Martin Gibson. Commissioner Hartke arrived at 7:38 and Commissioner Groves was absent.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from August 25, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

After clarifying that Halloween is on a Friday, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to set trick or treat for Friday, October 31, from 6 – 8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Mayor shared a letter from the Cumberland County EMA Coordinator Steve Sherwood, reminding all the communities that there will be a meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at the Toledo Village Hall. Modglin asked that if any Council members could attend it would count as part of the “in kind” activity towards our financial obligation.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
RAIL ROAD COMMUNITCATION TOWER

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Attorney Braden received a letter from the CN railroad regarding the communication monopole. According to Braden, the railroad has agreed to move the tower 150 to 225 feet south of the proposed location. Mayor Modglin said that he did look at the monopole north of Neoga, and it was not that bad; however, it was only 30' tall. It was the consensus of the Council to confirm the specs on the tower and ask that they clean the ditch south of the parking areas so the area will drain better.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES
IKE PAY REQUEST

After reviewing a pay request from Phoenix Consulting Engineers, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$13,188.60 for services rendered for August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP
NEOGA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIST #3

Commissioner Kepp updated the Council on the school district's financial situation. Kepp said that there will be additional reduction in staff and that one of the problems stems back from PTELL. Kepp also said that the school board is looking at placing a referendum on the ballot as well. Mayor Modglin said that sometimes tough times are good on governments because it forces them to cut the fat as long as it does not cut the services. Kepp said that he would keep the Council informed of the next meeting.

Commissioner Hartke arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Modglin introduced Peace Corps Fellow John Juliano, and welcomed him to Neoga. Juliano updated the council on the business survey and signs that he is working on.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date