

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
APRIL 24, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tony Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Stokes, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Others present were City Clerk Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Billie Chambers, Engineer Naren Patel, Lee Pallem, Deci Busters, Triston Stumpf, Bridgett Trail, Victoria Alumbaugh, Lindsey Alumbaugh, Heather Kistner, Engineer Lee Beckman, Nathan Ward, Graham Milldrum, Felisha Johnson, and David Hardesty.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

MOWING BIDS

City Clerk Evans told the council that after the last meeting she contacted Tyler Johns to work part time; however, he felt that at this time he would not be able to do the work due to his full time position. Evans said that she thought the council should review the mowing bids again. It was the consensus of the council to proceed with hiring a part time employee to do the mowing instead of an outside firm.

SQUAD CAR

Chief Schabbing told the Council that he has received bids on two sedans for the City to consider for the next squad car. A new Ford sedan with the same equipment and lights as the previously quoted SUV will cost \$34,799.99, and a new Dodge Charger will cost \$33,856.34. Chief Schabbing said that the 2008 Dodge squad car just had over \$1,000 repairs done to it to fix the front end, and now the alternator needs repaired at a cost of almost \$200. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Edwards said that he would like to wait until Commissioner Hartke returns due to the fact that he was the one that requested the bids on the sedans. The remaining council members agreed.

RESOLUTION #02-04-17    A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Assignment of License Agreement & Consent and Bill of Sale, Assignment and Conveyance

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After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution #02-04-17 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**  
**MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$37,586.77. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES**

**CMOM APPROVAL**

Engineer Naren Patel updated the Council on the 2017 CMOM report. According to Patel, Superintendent Helm did a great job gathering information for Patel. The CMOM report is complete and will be submitted in the coming days.

**NORTHEAST SEWER SYSTEM STUDY**

Patel told the council that during the CMOM research, Helm found a couple areas that may cause problems with the waste water collection system. Patel told the council that the area of concern is located north of town between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Street, where a lift station is located. Patel said that Helm told him that when there was additional residents at the Neoga Estates Mobile Home Park and the Marathon Station was located north of town, occasionally there would be surcharge at that lift station. However, since residents have moved from the trailer park and the station is no longer there, the lift station has not been a problem. Patel recommended that the Council do a study of the area, along with the area around 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Avenue. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the subject until Superintendent Helm returns to work.

**WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the Council on the waste water treatment plant. Beckman said that IEPA has accepted the one year extension for the treatment plant. The new schedule is to submit the preliminary engineering report to Rural Development in early 2017 and follow the revised schedule.

**EJ WATER COOPERATIVE**

City Clerk Evans said that she has spoken with Eric at E.J. Water Corporate and they are currently working on a contract for multiple possibilities. Evans said she would report back as soon as she received something.

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DITCH PROJECT OFF KEPP AVENUE

Beckman also told the Council that the ESR was submitted on September 6, 2016, and the biological and cultural sign-offs were not completed in the “green” time frame, and therefore will not be completed until May 2017.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Engineer Beckman said that the map amendment was submitted on July 26, 2016. Beckman spoke with Tom Kreke from IDOT, and they are still waiting on the approval from Springfield. However, they are asking for additional information for the number of students.

WATER GRANT

Lee Beckman told the Council that the DCEO Grant for water was submitted on September 30, 2016, and Neoga was successful in receiving \$450,000. There is a lot of paperwork and environmental to clear, so construction will likely be in early 2018. Commissioner Edwards asked Beckman that if he could see into the future what he thinks IEPA would request in our treatment plant. Beckman said that when Superintendent Helm, City Administrator Evans, and himself when to Champaign to discuss issues with the plant, they told him that the next upgrade may be anywhere between \$1 & \$4 million. Commissioner Edwards mentioned that is why we are looking at other options for treated water.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

REPLACEMENT OF GRAVELY MOWER

Commissioner Edwards said that he would like to table this until the next meeting.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

City Treasurer Foor gave the Council the quotes for the city wide cleanup as follows:

- Howards.....\$395 / 30 yard dumpster
- Advanced Disposal.....\$450 / 30 yard dumpster
- Sanitation Service.....\$590 / 40 yard dumpster
- Coles County Sanitation.....\$750 / 40 yard dumpster

After reviewing all the quotes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to have Howards bring 3- 30 yard dumpsters down and COM2 Recycling Solutions will provide the trailers for the electronics at a cost of \$400 per trailer. The motion was seconded by

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**MARCH 27, 2017**

Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief Schabbing told the Council that the police department is still receiving complaints about the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Wilson Avenue. The complaints are that people are continuing to ignore the stop sign. Schabbing stated that he as well as other officers have been sitting in the area but no one has ran the stop sign yet. They are still trying to remedy the problem.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion at 8:21 pm to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:54 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.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to hire Brandon Maroon for 25 hours per week at \$10 per hour as a part time employee to mow. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. 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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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date