



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
FEBRUARY 13, 2017, 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, Public Works Superintendent Tom Helm, Andrew Ewing, Mark Dwiggin, Tim Kastl, Richard Russell, Kayli Worthey, Chloe Padgett, Emily Wasmuth, Mabelle Morgan, J D Thompson, Rachel Ewing, Cheyenne Howald, Jesse Holt, Billie Chambers, Ashley Dryden, Jared Ballinger, and Narendra Patel.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from January 23, 2017 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

SBLHC VARIANCE

Building Inspector Jeff Morrison informed the Council that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on a variance request from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center earlier that day. Morrison stated that the variance was to allow the setback from the alley to be 10' instead of 25'. Inspector Morrison said that there was no objection from the public, so the Zoning Board recommended that the Council grant the variance. Engineer Andrew Ewing explained that this variance would allow there to be 10' of gravel which would then be 20' from the alley to the actual building. Commissioner Hartke said that he was very excited to see the new building, and he made the motion to grant the variance for a 10' setback instead of the 25' setback of the property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA AMBULANCE BILL

The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Kepp ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk. City Treasurer Foor told the Council that the state

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will be reducing our monthly sales tax by approximately \$1500 per month until the over payment has been reimbursed to them. Foor also recommended transferring \$50,000 from water fund to the water reserve account. The consensus of the Council was to move the money from the water account to the reserve account.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given

CMOM

Engineer Narendra Patel told the Council that last year the city had to submit a CMOM report to the IEPA regarding the waste water treatment plant. In the plan, Patel said that the city is required to hold a summary report and file it in the event IEPA does an inspection. Patel presented an agreement for completing the summary report. According to Patel, some communities like Charleston, Paxton, and Gibson City has had inspections last year. The Council thanked Patel and said that they would speak to Superintendent Helm about needing assistance with the review.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
2017 MFT

City Clerk Evans told the Council that it was time again to think about any street work that needs to be done. Evans said currently there was \$21,700 in the MFT fund; however, prior councils always wanted to spend \$100,000 on the streets to keep them in good shape. The Council agreed to look at the roads and speak to Superintendent Helm about the program as well.

W. 6TH STREET DITCH

City Clerk Evans said that she checked with County Engineer Ben Bland regarding the materials that were being used to enclose the ditch between Elm Avenue and Cedar Avenue on 6th Street. Evans said that Bland reported that all the materials would be purchased through the state purchase program and that was the best price available. After little discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to proceed with purchasing the materials and have Cumberland County Highway employees repair the ditch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley said that he would still like to have confined space training sometime after Superintendent Helm returns back to work.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Treasurer Foor said that she is still getting quotes for an actuary audit and should have an agreement for the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hartke made a motion at 7:30 pm to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:22 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Hartke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date