



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
FEBRUARY 9, 2015, 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, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were John Juliano, Engineer Lee Beckman, and resident Mike Burley. Commissioner Hartke was absent.

MINUTES

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

RLF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

City Clerk Evans asked the Council to table this decision until further information can be received.

IMRF SERVICE FOR PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that a previous employee was hired on a part-time basis in February 1992. According to the council meeting minutes of May 23, 1994, this employee was hired for a 30 hour work week. On June 1, 1994, the employee was hired full time at 40 hours per week, and at that time was enrolled in IMRF. To become eligible for IMRF, the employee is expected to work over 600 hours during the year, and apparently the City Clerk at that time felt that the employee would not have met those requirements. Commissioner Groves said that this action could open up the possibility up for all employees to request that their IMRF benefits be back dated to the first of the year, and that could be costly to the tax payers. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to not grant the request and to continue to follow the IMRF stipulations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE
TREASURER'S REPORT

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

RESOLUTION #01-02-15 To Abate the 2015 Tax Levy Set Forth in Ordinance #751-03-05 Which Authorized the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Milano and Grunloh Engineer Lee Beckman made a presentation to the Council on his recommendations for updating the waste water treatment plant. According to Beckman, his office is meeting with IEPA officials to ask for additional time to try and decrease the pH, which should increase the ammonia limits to almost double. This would save the City from additional improvements to the plant.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES
LOCAL AGENCY/COMPANY AGREEMENT

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the local company paperwork has not been returned as of yet, and as soon as it is we will get it on the agenda. The consensus of the council was to table until next meeting.

ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MILANO & GRUNLOH

City Clerk Evans explained that the agreement was for the Safe Route to School agreement, and not for Kepp Avenue as the agenda stated. It was the consensus of the Council to table this until the next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

Commissioner Kepp informed the Council that the Neoga referendum committee will be at the next council meeting to ask that the city Council back the referendum. Kepp said that if the referendum does not pass then the school might be forced to consolidate with another school system; however, 51% of the voters from each district must pass the consolidation. If these do not pass the state would be forced to come in and dictate where the students would go.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Neoga resident Mike Burley told the Council that he has asked if the City would abandon the alley by his house; however, Superintendent Helm explained that there is a sewer line located in the alley, and it would not be possible to abandon it. Burley then asked if there was any way the City could get the ditch by the alley cleaned up so he could maintain it. City Clerk Evans explained that she received pictures today and that letters will go out to all the neighbors in the coming days.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date