



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 23, 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, Hartke, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Public Works Superintendent Tom Helm, Advance Sanitation representatives Kenneth Miller & Shane Craig, Engineer Narendra Patel, Dawn Albin, Kierstyn Albin, and Jared Ballinger.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 9, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from January 9, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Stokes, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the special session minutes from January 17, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

ADVANCED DISPOSAL

Shane Craig and Ken Miller, representatives from Advanced Disposal, discussed with the Council the advantages of having one sanitation company service the entire community. Miller said that their company currently does Mt.Vernon, Salem, Arcola, Tuscola, and Villa Grove. Miller explained that most customers are paying anywhere between \$16-\$18 and \$25-\$27 in the outlying areas. With a contract, those inside corporate limits could receive the services for \$13-\$15 which would include a 96 gal cart and curb side recycling every week. The contract could be very negotiable depending on the services that the community wants. According to Miller, the city would do all the billing through the utility billing system and then send a check to the company once a month. The city would then get a 2% to 3% rebate. One company would service the entire city, so fewer

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heavy trucks would be on city streets. One concern that the council had was the complaints from the customers. Miller said that the company itself would handle all complaint calls. After a brief discussion, the council decided to add a question about one sanitation service company on the survey that will be sent out to the residents.

NARENDRA PATEL – FEHR-GRAHAM ENGINEERING

Narendra Patel, engineer for Fehr-Graham Engineering, handed out a packet to introduce his company and remind the council of the projects that he and the other engineers have worked on for the city. Patel also reminded the council about the CMOM that he worked on last year for the city and that they needed to have an annual review of the plan. Patel also said that the EPA has been conducting spot checks on larger communities' CMOM, so as soon as possible they needed to meet and summarize the plan.

NEOGA DAYS 2017 SPONSORSHIP

City Clerk Evans said that she received a request from the Neoga Days committee asking if the city would sponsor an event for this year's Neoga Days 2017. After the Council reviewed the different sponsorships, they agreed to table it until later.

SBLHC VARIANCE

City Clerk Evans informed the council that Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center will be seeking a variance for the construction on the new medical center located in the 600 block of Oak Avenue. Evans said that the current zoning on that property has a setback of 25 feet for the back property line. Evans said that the public hearing will be February 13th at 6 p.m. and it will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$706,931.34. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given.

PURCHASE OF NEW METER READING EQUIPMENT

Superintendent Helm told the Council that one of the handheld wands for meter reading has failed to work and is no longer able to be fixed. The Council reviewed the quote to replace the wand, and after no discussion Commissioner Stokes made a motion to purchase a new AG6590 with 90 degree ext. for \$1,550. The motion was seconded by

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Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY ROAD

City Clerk Evans said that the Canadian National Railroad police officer stopped by the office and discussed the possibility of building a road from the cemetery north along the railroad property to Chestnut Avenue. Evans explained that the CN wanted to do the same thing years ago when the Council sued the railroad to mandate that the road meet the city standards as well as keep the crossing open at County Road 950 north. After the council discussed other options, it was the opinion of the council to hold a public meeting to see what the residents from the area wanted. Evans said that she would schedule a public meeting after talking with Neoga Township to verify a day that they could attend.

W. 6TH STREET DITCH

City Clerk Evans told the Council that County Engineer Ben Bland contacted her about the ditch located along west 6th Street between Elm Avenue and Cedar Avenue that needs to be tiled. Bland wanted to know if the City would purchase the materials at a cost of approximately \$7,200, and the county would do the manual labor. Mayor Kepp wanted to know if the materials were being purchased off of the state purchase program. Evans said that she did not know that answer but would find out. It was tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Helm told the Council that he has surgery scheduled for Thursday, and he said that he will be out for a few weeks. Helm said that he feels that the two other employees have been trained on everything, and if they need anything he will only be a phone call away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hartke made a motion at 7:50 pm to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, and 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 Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:31 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Lindley and seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date