



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 26, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Groves, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Public Works Superintendent Helm, John Juliano, Engineer Tom Overmyer, Engineer Joe Pisula, Paul Walk, Mary Ballinger, and Billie Chambers. Commissioner Kepp arrived at 8:02 p.m.

MINUTES

After reviewing the executive session minutes, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the minutes from December 22, 2014 and January 12, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN
ADVISORY REPORT FROM ZONING BOARD

The Council received the advisory report from the City of Neoga Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning regarding the petition for map amendment. After briefly reviewing the report, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept and place on file with the City Clerk the advisory report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FENCE VARIANCE FOR 655 PINE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the zoning board held a public hearing on January 19th, to hear from the property owners at 655 Pine Avenue. The owners asked that they be allowed to install a privacy fence on the north, south, and west side of their property. Since no one objected to the petition, the zoning board is recommending that the Council grant the variance. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to grant the variance to install a privacy fence as requested. The motion was seconded by

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Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DUES

After little discussion about renewing the Cumberland County Development Corporation dues, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the CCDC 2015 dues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

Mary Ballinger, who lives at 678 Park Avenue, told the Council that she has noticed that the neighbor, Loren and Peggy Heal, have over the allowable limit of three (3) dogs. Ballinger also said the Heals have been allowing their dogs to run at large. City Clerk Evans said that she will notify the police department and the county animal control about the situation.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$261,676.31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

AUDIT PAY REQUEST

The Council reviewed the pay request submitted from Gilbert, Metzger, & Madigan for the 2014 fiscal year. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the request as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Phoenix Consulting Engineer Tom Overmyer, along with Donahue Engineer Joe Pisula, presented their recommendations for updating the waste water treatment plant. According to Pisula, he felt that the City could replace the current mechanical plant with a lagoon plant.

PURCHASE OF NEW HEATING SYSTEM FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Commissioner Lindley opened the sealed bids and read them as follows:

Varner & Rawlings – two (2) 75,000 BTU and one (1) 60,000 BTU.... \$4,932
Sudkamp Plumbing – three (3) 75,000 BTU..... \$4,478

After further reviewing the sealed bids, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the Sudkamp Plumbing & Heating bid in the amount of \$4,478. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays none. Motion carried. 3-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES
IKE PAY REQUEST FROM KLEIN EXCAVATING

City Clerk Evans explain that John Klein sent a request asking that the City of Neoga pay the final payment in the amount of \$109,897.34. In Klein’s letter he stated that he should have been paid this amount long before now, and he felt the reason he will not be receiving payment from the state for a few weeks is due to the delay from Phoenix Consultants. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to not pay the request at this time.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AGREEMENT

After reviewing the joint agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

KEPP AVENUE ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

City Clerk Evans told the Council that before RLF dollars can be used for the construction of Kepp Avenue an archeological survey must be conducted. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made the motion to have Fred Finney conduct an archeological survey in the amount of \$800. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report was given

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date