



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 13, 2015, 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, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, City Attorney Willenborg, Josh McKinney, Sarah Walk, Billie Chambers, and Dave Cameron.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from July 13, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Commissioner Hartke abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

City Attorney Willenborg discussed the proposed Ordinance regarding amending Appendix B of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Neoga. Willenborg explained that she reviewed the recommendations from the Cumberland County Farm Bureau, and although they were good recommendations, it would be very cumbersome and expensive to constantly monitor the required number of animals on a farm or change our ordinance to coincide with the state. In Willenborg's opinion, the City does not have the resources to birddog the regulations. After a brief discussion, Sarah Walk with the Cumberland County Farm Bureau agreed to Willenborg's recommendations.

City Attorney Willenborg reviewed with the council the proposed ordinance establishing licensing requirements and regulations for sexually oriented businesses within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Neoga. Willenborg said that this ordinance, as well as the Appendix B ordinance, will be on file at the city clerk's office until the next meeting.

2015 IML CONFERENCE

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the 2015 IML Conference is coming up in September and the schedule looks very educational and worth attending. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve City Clerk Evans and Treasurer Foor to attend the conference in September. The motion was seconded by

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Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

2015 TREASURER'S INSTITUTE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association's annual conference will be held in November, and City Treasurer Foor needs to attend the conference in order to keep her certification. Foor explained that she is required to have a number of continuing educational credit hours, and if she attends this conference she will satisfy those requirements. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the attendance of the 2015 Treasurer's Institute conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE
TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PAY REQUESTS FROM BRADEN LAW OFFICE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the pay request from Braden Law Office included services provided from 2014. Commissioner Hartke added that Braden usually does one billing to the City of Neoga per year. After reviewing the presented pay request, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$4,210. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

City Clerk Evans said that she needed to adjust a few things on the appropriation ordinance before final approval, so it was tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER MODGLIN
PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the presented pay request from Phoenix Consulting, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

LIGHTING QUOTES FOR NEW NEOGA SIGNS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she received two quotes for lighting of the new Neoga signs. The first quote came in from Sudkamp Plumbing, Heating, and Electric in the amount of \$4,669 which included six (6) lights. The other quote was from Sparky's Electric in the amount of \$2,853.50. After further review, the Sudkamp quote included

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LED lights. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to accept the quote from Sudkamp Plumbing, Heating, and Electric in the amount of \$4,669. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

INOPERATIVE VEHICLES

Commissioner Edwards said that he wanted to discuss the junk vehicle ordinance. Edwards told the council that the current ordinance gives residents ten (10) days to remove a vehicle from the property and a business thirty (30) days. Edwards said he would like to give people time to remove their vehicles before getting a letter from the city. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the police department contact residents about their inoperative vehicle before sending letters to them.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date