

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JUNE 12, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tony Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Commissioners Edwards and Stokes were absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, Coles County Regional Planning Representatives Kevin McReynolds and Cliff Shaw, Bob Short, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from May 22, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from May 22, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Hartke seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

The Council reviewed the executive session minutes from May 22, 2017, and after no comments Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

CDBG PROCUREMENT POLICY

The council reviewed the Procurement policy, and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

NEOGA HISTORY ADDITION

Bob Short, a representative from the Neoga History Committee, gave the council two proposed room addition plans for the history room at the Municipal Building. Short explained that option B would be too expensive for the committee to finance due to the fact that additional bathrooms would be needed and new drywall installed for fire

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protection. Short further explained that with option A the committee might be able to fund it better, and he asked if he could get their permission to proceed with dollar figures for Option A. After a brief discussion on how important it was to preserve our community’s history, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with cost estimates for the renovation.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

POLICE RESERVE

City Treasurer Foor told the council that after the purchase of the new squad car, the reserve account will have little money left in it. Foor suggested that the city replenish the account by using the DUI, vehicle, and warrant funds that the city receives from Cumberland County each month. Commissioner Hartke asked approximately how much that was, and Foor said it would be approximately \$5,000 per year. After little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to use the DUI, vehicle, and warrant funds to replenish the police reserves until further notice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

NPP ACCOUNT

City Treasurer Foor explained to the Council that the Neoga Veterans’ Memorial committee has completed the project other than a couple items. Foor said that the Veterans’ account has been under the city’s tax number, and it should be under the NPP (Neoga Partnership for Progress) number. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to close the Veterans’ Memorial account and open a new account under the NPP tax id number. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

DEMO BIDS FOR 756 & 796 OAK AVENUE

Mayor Kepp opened the bids for the demo of the buildings at 756 & 796 Oak Avenue and read the following:

Maulding Excavating.....	\$16,980
Tim Strohl.....	\$ 6,000

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After a brief conversation, it was the consensus of the council to table this until clarification was received as to why there was such a difference in price.

EJ WATER COOPERATIVE, INC.

City Clerk Evans explained to the council that the agreement with EJ Water was just for their review. Evans recommended that once it was reviewed, the Council should hold at least two public hearings to hear from the general public. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the agreement at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE #895-06-17 APPOINTMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF NEOGA, ILLINOIS

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

After reviewing the agreement, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

TIN HORN AT 11TH & OAK AVENUE

Superintendent Helm told the Council that the tin horn at 11th Street and Oak Avenue has disintegrated in the bottom and needs to be replaced. Helm said that he has checked around, and the cost to replace the 50' horn would be \$3,036. Mayor Kepp recommended that the city contact Greg Jameson at IDOT to see if they would help with the replacement of the culvert. After discussing options, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to purchase a 50' horn in the amount of \$3,036. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

HOUSING GRANT

Kevin McReynolds, Coles County Regional Planning Commission, updated the council on the \$400,000 housing grant that Neoga received. McReynolds explained that the grant

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should be able to rehab approximately 8 homes on the east side of town. McReynolds said that the application process should start in the month of July.

MOSQUITO CONTROL – SKEETER SLAYERS

Tom Helm approached the Council as owner of Skeeter Slayers, and made a proposal to the City of Neoga to spray for the City at a cost of \$800 per month for larviciding and fogging. Helm explained that he would use the larvicide and spray that the city has received in a grant through Cumberland County Health Department. Mr. Helm also stated that if the council decided to go with his company, he would also like to buy the mosquito sprayer from the city for \$5,000. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the council to wait until the remaining council was in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Schabbing told the council that he ordered the new squad car and saved over \$700 on the equipment. However, he may have to upgrade the camera system at a cost of \$300-\$500.

Building Inspector Morrison said the Osborn property is safer and is being repaired.

Public Works Superintendent Helm said that they have scheduled the 4th & Chestnut tin horn to be replaced next Monday or Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date