



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JUNE 13, 2016, 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, Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Tom Helm, Engineer Scott Hoene, Engineer Greg Cook, Engineer Jason Frericks, Neoga News Reporter Billie Chambers, Bill Marlow, Chod Marlow, Addison St. John, and Cody Jenner.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from May 23, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Commissioner Hartke abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP
RAILROAD CROSSING**

Greg Cook and Jason Frericks, engineers from Farnsworth Group discussed the procedure for building an overpass or underpass for residents to cross the Canadian National Railroad. Frericks explained that the ICC would pay up to 60% of the cost, and local funds would be 40% if there is documentation for the need. Frericks said that the railroad would pay up to 50% of the cost if a crossing is closed also. Cook and Frericks explained that even if the council wanted to have a study completed to see if there is a need, the cost would be around \$7,900 for an ADT from IDOT and approximately \$11,500 for the initial research, which can be stopped at any time. Both engineers agreed that this entire process will take multiple years to complete, but if the ground work is complete ICC may fund it sooner.

MOWING BIDS FOR RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY

Mayor Kepp opened the mowing bids as follows:

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| St. Johns..... | \$500 / mowing |
| Marlow Lawn..... | \$760 / mowing |
| M & E..... | \$1000 / mowing |
| Ricks Lawn..... | \$700 / mowing |

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Mayor Kepp said that the bids were all very competitive, but before the City could award anything, he explained to the bidders that the Canadian National Railroad requires at least \$10 million dollar liability policy which could change their bids. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the discussion until the next meeting.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

No report was given,

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

KEPP AVENUE

The Council reviewed the presented amendment regarding the drainage issues along Kepp Avenue. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept amendment No.1 for Kepp Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HANDICAP SIDEWALKS

The Council reviewed quotes from the following for handicap sidewalks:

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| J. B. Eskers..... | \$29,880.00 |
| Hoelscher Concrete..... | \$25,200.00 |

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to proceed with the handicap sidewalks by Hoelscher Concrete. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PURCHASE OF FUEL

Superintendent Helm told the Council that he would like to look into purchasing fuel and have it stored on site. Helm said that this would save time and money for that department. With the ability to purchase bulk fuel, they could purchase it while it was a low price instead of purchasing it at the local level and a higher rate. Helm also said that it would save time from driving up to Casey's General Store. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to continue with purchasing fuel at the local businesses.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Cody Jenner asked the council to appoint him as the emergency coordinator for the City of Neoga. Jenner told the council that he has lived in Neoga for 7 years and volunteered for the fire department for 6 years. Jenner has also been a weather watcher and served on the 911 Board as well. Jenner asked for a portable radio, emergency lights and \$200 for gas which would reimburse him during storms when he would transport people in his personal truck. Evans explained that NO ONE should be transporting people in their personal vehicles because of liability issues. Evans said that the fire department has the ability and training to do that. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to appoint Jenner as the new Emergency Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:06 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date