



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JUNE 8, 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, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Peace Corps Fellow John Juliano and Mike Burley.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from May 26, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAM

No report was given.

**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

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER MODGLIN**

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

A pay request from Phoenix Consulting was presented to the council in the amount of \$3,986 for services on IKE Eastside drainage grant. However, the consensus of the Council was to hold the payment until they spoke with Engineer Overmyer.

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**STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

PURCHASE OF MULCH

Chief of Police Schabbing told the Council that he is organizing the Community Cleanup day on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Schabbing asked if the City would purchase red mulch to place around the trees along RT. #45. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase up to \$300 in mulch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CORNER OF 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET & OAK AVENUE

Commissioner Edwards told the Council that he wanted to discuss the northwest corner of Oak Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Edwards said that he is concerned that the grass would not grow with just 4" of dirt over the concrete. Commissioner Hartke agreed and stated that he might like to see gravel placed in that area. City Clerk Evans told the Council that the NPP (Neoga Partnership for Progress) has requested that grass be planted in the area. According to Evans, NPP feels that gravel will be more difficult to keep weed free. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to try growing grass for this year, and revisit it next year if the grass doesn't grow.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she spoke with Fred Honaker again about the city wide cleanup, and he agreed to do the City Wide Cleanup for the same cost as last year. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to hire Fred Honaker to conduct a City Wide Cleanup for \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Burley told the Council that the ditch has been draining wonderful since the IKE Grant project has been completed. Burley also asked if there is anything homeowners can do about people walking dogs and leaving pet waste in yards. Burley said that the dogs and cats are killing his bushes. The Council said that they would check into the problem.

Chief of Police Schabbing said that he found a new car console for a squad car at the police departments, however, it will not fit in any of the current squad cars. Schabbing said he is looking to sell it to another department that can use it.

John Juliano reported that the Neoga Partnership for Progress will be showing a movie in the Park in July. More information will be forthcoming.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date