

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
MARCH 13, 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 Hartke, Lindley, Stokes, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp, Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Ian Pygott, Richard Russell, Wes Chambers, Billie Chambers, and Donald Polk.

**MINUTES**

Marty Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from February 27th as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Stokes, Edwards and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mayor Kepp presented an estimate from D & M Electrical for maintenance on the four generators owned by the City. These generators are located at the sewer plant, City Hall, the water plant, and at the lake. After a short discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the estimate for a one year maintenance contract with D & M Electrical for a total cost of \$2,500.00 Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Edwards, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

AMERENCIPS LIGHTING AT 4-WAY STOP

Mayor Kepp reported that he talked to a representative from AmerenCIPS about adding additional lighting at the southeast corner of the 4-way stop if the utility poles were removed. They informed him it could be done, but they suggested waiting because CIPS plans to replace the current street lights in town with LED lights in approximately three months. After a brief discussion Commissioner Edwards made a motion to have the poles removed, and to wait for CIPS to install the LED lights. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

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

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**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Superintendent Helm stated that the engineers from Milano & Grunloh have been at the wastewater treatment plant a few times in the last week to gather information about the plant, and he had nothing further to report at this time.

CMOM UPDATE

Engineer Naren Patel emailed an update on the progress of the CMOM review. He stated that the review is in progress. Superintendent Helm is compiling some information for him. Once he gets this information, a draft of the Annual CMOM narrative summary will be prepared. It should be ready for review at the next council meeting, and the final CMOM narrative is expected to be ready by the second council meeting in April.

IEPA / SRL LOAN PROGRAM

Engineer Patel briefed the council by email on the IEPA low-interest revolving loan program for water and wastewater related projects. He informed the council he would provide details in person at a future council meeting.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

2017 MFT PROGRAM

Mayor Kepp asked Helm if he had any ideas as to which roads will need repaired this year. Helm stated that the roads were in good shape, and the City should save its money until next year. Mayor Kepp asked Helm to keep a close watch on the roads in the next month or two to make sure nothing changes, and then report back to the council. He also requested that Helm stay on top of repairing cracks and potholes in the streets.

MOWING BIDS

City Clerk Evans checked with surrounding communities to see how they handle mowing. She stated that many of them bid the mowing to outside sources. They would be responsible for furnishing insurance. Mayor Kepp noted that the railroad requires a \$10,000,000 policy to mow on their right of way. After the discussion it was decided to update the map of what areas need mowed, and to proceed with getting bids. It will be discussed at the April 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Commissioner Edwards would like it noted that the cemetery road decision is now in the hands of the Railroad.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley stated that he would pursue the confined space training after Superintendent Helm returns to work.

Superintendent Helm informed the Council that the City will once again receive funding from the Cumberland County Health Department for mosquito larvacide. The Health Department received a grant that will be distributed throughout the county.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Larry Lindley invited everyone to a check presentation by the Class Pack Car Club. He informed the council that the car club voted to donate money to the police department to be used for equipment that Chief Schabbing chooses. The check will be presented Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. He encouraged the Council members to attend.

Richard Russell stated that he did not think there was a quorum at the last zoning board meeting. Mayor Kepp assured him it would be looked into.

Chief Schabbing told the council that the USDA grant for a new squad vehicle that he and Foor submitted was declined. With the permission of the council, Schabbing would like to present an estimate for a new vehicle at the next meeting. Schabbing is also interested in hiring an additional part-time officer because of the decline in availability of the current part-time officers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Stokes, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date