



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 28, 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, Hartke, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Engineer Narendra Patel, Engineer Michael Streff, and Neoga News Reporter Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 14, 2016, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the special session minutes from February 18, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

AMA HILLCLIMB DONATION

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she received information about the 2016 AMA Hill Climb Grand Championship. The hill climb is planned for July 30 & 31. Evans said that they are expecting over 5,000 people from the Midwest for this event, and most of these people will come into Neoga for food and gas. Commissioner Hartke said that he understands this event is expected to be a highly attended event, and the City of Neoga needs to support it if possible. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to discuss this at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE #876-03-16 An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Thereon as Being Dangerous and Unsafe

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke mentioned to the Council that the total this month was higher than normal due to the annual bond payment. With no other discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$139,408.76. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

WWTP FACILITY PLAN

Engineer Patel explained in detail to the Council the facility plan that would be submitted to the IEPA. Patel presented four options for the Council to review. The choices are IFAS, Single Stage Aeration, an aerated lagoon, and a second stage nitrification bio-tower option. The options were discussed at great length in regards to the future EPA requirements, construction cost, and operation and maintenance costs. After multiple questions and answers, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to proceed with the IFAS system with Farnsworth overseeing the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

KEPP AVENUE AMENDMENT #1

City Clerk Evans presented amendment #1 for Kepp Avenue. Evans explained that this was for the drainage issues and stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation has agreed to pay for a portion of the work. With little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that he will meet with Superintendent Helm and Police Chief Schabbing to verify that the necessary safety equipment is in each department and they have the necessary training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diana Foor reminded the Council about the bake sale and cookout on Saturday from 8:30-1:00. Foor also told the Council that the fish fry was very successful and netted over \$6,800.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date