



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 11, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Debbie Modglin, Ron Edwards, John Juliano, and Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from April 27, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Commissioner Groves abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL

City Clerk Evans asked Tony Kepp, who was elected Mayor, and Ron Edwards, Marty Hartke, Larry Lindley, and Debbie Modglin, who were elected Commissioners, to stand and raise their right hand as they were sworn in. After the swearing in, Mayor Kepp recommended Larry Lindley as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Debbie Modglin as Commissioner of Public Property, Marty Hartke as Commissioner of Finance, and Ron Edwards as Commissioner of Streets and Alleys. Commissioner Hartke made a motion to appoint each Commissioner as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kepp presented service awards to both Wayne Modglin and Ronnie Groves. Kepp told those in attendance, "Because of the years that these two have dedicated to the City of Neoga, this community has benefited and become a better community because of them".

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

SETTING MEETING DATES

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to hold City Council meetings on the second (2) and fourth (4) Mondays of each month. The motion was

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seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PEACE MEAL DONATION

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the City received a request for a donation for Peace Meal. Evans said that in previous years the Council donated \$750. Commissioner Modglin stated that it was a very important program and made a motion to donate \$750 again this year. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE # 865-05-15 An Ordinance Authorizing a Variance from the zoning Ordinance of the City of Neoga, in the County of Cumberland, and State of Illinois

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

ORDINANCE #866-05-15 An Ordinance Setting Forth an Amended Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2014 Commencing on May 1, 014 and Ending on April 30, 2015

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER MODGLIN

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given.

470 LOCUST AVENUE PROPERTY TAXES

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Attorney Braden sent an invoice for back taxes on the property that the city has a lien on. According to Evans, Braden said that these taxes needed to be paid so the city will have a title policy on the vacant lot. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the back taxes in the amount of \$683.26. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEERS

After reviewing the pay request for the IKE Grant, it was the consensus of the Council to table payment until further information is received from Engineer Tom Overmyer.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

2015 MFT ESTIMATED MAINTENANCE COSTS

After reviewing the estimated cost to till, prime, and reseal a number of city streets, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the cost estimates as presented with the exception of using pebble rock instead of crushed stone. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

2015 MFT RESOLUTION

After reviewing the resolution to appropriate \$55,000 of Motor Fuel Tax dollars to maintain city roads, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

No report was given.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Treasurer Diana Foor told the Council that the Veterans' Memorial is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser, and they are also hosting a cookout at the Neoga IGA on July 18th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to move into executive session – Section 2 (c) (1) – Personnel - Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Hartke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin and Mayor Kepp.

APPOINTMENTS

After executive session, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to appoint the following positions:

- City Administrator – Brenda Evans
- City Treasurer - Diana Foor
- Superintendent of Public Works – Tom Helm
- Chief of Police – Andy Schabbing

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SUMMER EMPLOYEES

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to hire two (2) summer employees effective through August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date