

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
MAY 22, 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 Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Others present were City Clerk Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Tom Helm, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, Engineer Lee Beckman, and Editor Billie Chambers. Mayor Kepp left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive minutes were tabled.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

ORDINANCE #894-05-17 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AS BEING DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE (670 LOCUST AVENUE)

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept Ordinance #894-05-17 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SQUAD CAR

Chief Schabbing told the Council that he has received the bid from Pilson's in Mattoon. According to the paperwork, the purchase price will be \$35,317.76 for a new Ford Utility squad. The trade in value would be \$7,000, which is better than the other companies were offering. Commissioner Hartke said that he still doesn't feel the need for a new squad car at this time. Commissioner Edwards stated that he feels the same, but maybe in a year or so look at purchasing a new car. Mayor Kepp said that since the money is already set aside for it, we should use it. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to purchase a new Ford utility squad car from Pilson's in the amount of \$35,317.76 with a trade in value of \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Stokes, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, Commissioner Edwards and Hartke. Motion carried. 3-2.

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**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**  
**MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$19,511.28. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MILANO & GRUNLOH ENGINEERS**

Engineer Beckman presented the professional service agreement in the amount of 25,000, for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street water main replacement grant. After explanation, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STEVE PAMPERIN CONSULTING**

Engineer Beckman also presented the professional service agreement between the City of Neoga and Steve Pamperin Consulting for grant administrative services in the amount of \$31,500 for the CDBG Grant #16-242020. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to accept the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**WATER LINE REPLACEMENT BETWEEN CHESTNUT TO LOCUST AVENUE**

Engineer Beckman told the Council that the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Water line replacement grant will only replace the water line from Locust Avenue to Wilson Avenue. Beckman stated that City Clerk Evans and Superintendent Helm still had concerns about rusty water due to the age of the water line from Chestnut to Locust Avenue. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to proceed with gathering information for the water line replacement between Chestnut and Locust Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**DITCH PROJECT OFF KEPP AVENUE**

Beckman reported that there was nothing new to report.

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Engineer Beckman said that there was nothing new to report.

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**WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Lee Beckman told the Council that the IEPA has accepted the one year extension for the project. The preliminary engineering report has been approved and they are working on the full application to Rural Development. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the engineering agreement for Milano & Grunloh for \$100,000 for design work, \$50,000 for inspection and \$5,000 for the preliminary engineering report and environmental report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ITEP**

Engineer Beckman also informed the Council that in the past, the City of Neoga has applied for a sidewalk grant, and Illinois Department of Transportation is accepting ITEP applications again. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to proceed with the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

**PURCHASE OF NEW TRACTOR AND MOWER**

Superintendent Helm told the council that the public works department employees test drove the tractor and mower from Sigel Equipment, and all agreed it was very nice. Helm stated that the tractor did slide a little on the embankment, but if a few weights were added the chances of sliding or tipping would be decreased. Helm said that the mower does have a stress crack on it, but it is not wore out by any means. Mayor Kepp asked Helm his thoughts on how much time saving it would be on mowing, in which Helm replied approximately 25 hours per week. After a lengthy discussion no motion was made.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley presented to the council the cost to have a shredding truck come in at the same time the city is doing the city wide cleanup. The cost to have the truck come in would be \$675. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to have the shredding truck at the June 10<sup>th</sup> cleanup for Neoga residents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Morrison told the Council that as a taxpayer he appreciates everything they do.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion at 8:00 pm to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:04 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to suspend all future water testing for the public works employees due to the possibility of changing the water plant operations; however, continue with the waste water testing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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