

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 9, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wayne Modglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Modglin requested a moment of silence to honor Gerald Mattern, retired Neoga Chief of Police, who passed away March 2nd.

Those present were: Commissioners Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Groves, Mayor Modglin, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Alan Baker, Sheri Drotor, and Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

Marty Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from February 23rd as presented, and it was seconded by Larry Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Abstain, Commissioners Groves and Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Larry Lindley made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from February 23rd as presented, and it was seconded by Marty Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Abstain, Commissioners Groves and Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

CODE RED COMMUNITY ALERT SYSTEM

Sheri Drotor, administrator of the Cumberland County Health Department, presented a video on a community alert system called Code Red. Drotor stated that the county received a \$15,000 grant for the program that will cover the cost for three years. During the second year the program will be reviewed to see if it is still current and that it is working well throughout the county. If it is favorable she will seek funding to continue its use. She said that EMA has already stated they would cover one half of the cost after the initial three year period, and she was confident that area businesses would cover the remainder. It would be housed in the 911 office, but local officials would be in charge of appointing who would have access to it within their jurisdiction. This person would be able to send out notices such as boil orders or community awareness announcements to the entire city, county, or a select area. The area can even be narrowed down to a specific street. Eventually area churches and organizations may be able to use this service.

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to support the Code Red program at no cost to the City. It was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

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IMRF FOR PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE

Alan Baker was present to discuss his IMRF start date. This was tabled from the last meeting because two of the commissioners were not present. Mayor Modglin stated that City Clerk Evans asked IMRF for an answer to when Baker's participation start date should be. Their reply was that Baker would not have been eligible while he was employed for Mitchell-Jordan and was receiving minimal compensation from the City for his volunteer hours. They further stated that it is the City Council's decision if his start date should be backdated to April 11th when he became employed part time with the City. As it stands now, Mr. Baker's start date with IMRF is 6/1/1994 when he was employed at full time status. Commissioner Groves commented that the minutes from that time frame are vague, and he feels that the council needs to fairly compensate Baker for his service. Commissioner Groves made a motion to have Baker's IMRF start date made retroactive to April 11, 1994. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Modglin told the council that Engineer Lee Beckman from Milano & Grunloh had given him a figure of between \$30 - \$40 per day for chemicals and between \$30,000 - \$50,000 for the installation of equipment to bring the ph levels at the wastewater treatment plant into compliance with the EPA. There is no guarantee that this will work, or that the EPA will give their approval to try this; however, Superintendent Helm would like to pursue this avenue. Commissioner Kepp made the motion to have Helm contact Lee at Milano & Grunloh and discuss what needs to be done to start the process. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

REAPPLICATION FOR CDAP GRANT FOR EAST SIDE WATER LINE

After a brief discussion, the council voted to reapply for a CDAP grant to revamp the water line on the east side of the City. Commissioner Hartke made the motion to hire Milano & Grunloh to begin the grant application process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

Commissioner Kepp asked Helm if he had any ideas as to which roads will need repaired this year. Helm stated that there should only be a minimum amount of work needed since there were a lot of roads done last year. Since the snow is gone, Helm will look at the roads and report back at the next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

No report given

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Kepp, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date