



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
NOVEMBER 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, Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, Nikki Miah, Blake Ballinger, Amy Frailey, Nathan Maroon, and Richard Russell.

MINUTES

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 14th as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

Lee Beckman, an engineer from Milano & Grunloh, updated the council on the following projects:

DECO Grant for Waterlines – The grant was submitted on September 30, 2016 and announcements are scheduled to be made sometime in December, but it will more likely be in early 2017 before we know anything.

Safe Routes to School Grant – a map amendment was submitted on July 26, 2016. According to Tom Kreke with IDOT, they are still waiting on approval from Springfield.

Kepp Avenue Ditch – Trying to set a meeting with Mr. Campbell to finalize easements. Also waiting on biological and cultural sign-offs.

Waste Water Treatment Plant – IEPA has accepted our one year extension. Planning to submit the preliminary engineering report in early 2017.

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 \$54,541.79. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No new information other than what Mr. Beckman reported.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
REMOVAL OF TREES

Commissioner Edwards asked about the trees that need to be taken down, and City Clerk Evans said that she has not received that report from Superintendent Helm. She will have one by next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

ORDINANCE #887-11-16 An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Thereon as Being Dangerous and Unsafe.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Police Chief Schabbing informed the Council that the 2007 squad car is in need of some extensive repairs. One estimate was just over \$2000 for the repairs, and he is waiting on another estimate to come in. Also, the in car computer has been acting up, and Schabbing would like to order a new one. The current computer is using Windows XP and is no longer being supported. One quote he received was just under \$4000, and the other was \$3100. Council asked for additional quotes to review.

Richard Russell told the Council that Chief Schabbing was driving down 6th Street one day and was speeding. Russell said he knows that he was speeding because he was going the speed limit in front of the post office, and Chief Schabbing left him standing still. City Clerk Evans gave Mr. Russell a complaint form to complete and then the council will address the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date