



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
OCTOBER 11, 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 Superintendent Public Works Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Vic Brandenburg, Billie Chambers, and Gene Creek.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from September 26, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

ORDINANCE #885-10-16 An Ordinance to Amend Article III of Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neoga to Prohibit Parking of Trailers on City of Neoga Right-of-Way.

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, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #886-10-16 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 Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE
TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Kepp ordered the financial reports to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given.

REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTS

City Clerk Evans said that she has been getting quotes to replace the lights in the municipal building. She would like to have it done before the election. Evans requested that the discussion be tabled due to waiting on another quote. The council decided to discuss the lighting at the next meeting.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PUMP REPAIRS

Superintendent Helm said that currently there are two (2) high service pumps that are in need of either repairs or replacement. Helm presented two quotes, one in the amount of \$4,672.19 for the smaller pump, and \$4,993.65 for the larger pump. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to repair both pumps as per each quote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PAY REQUEST FROM FARNSWORTH

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Farnsworth sent an invoice for services rendered prior to the agreement with them to revamp the waste water treatment plant. Evans said that the pay request was in the amount of \$50,261.96 for services that they performed while researching the many options in making the waste water treatment plant in compliance with Illinois EPA. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to deny payment to Farnsworth in the amount of \$50,261.96. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stokes. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Stokes, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Commissioner Edwards said that he had received a complaint on the sidewalk along 7th Street between Chestnut and Walnut Avenue. Edwards said that he went down to look at the sidewalk and although it is cracked it is not lifted anywhere, and it is not a hazard at this time. Edwards said that he has an estimate from Tom Buescher to repair that area in the amount of \$1600 plus concrete. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to hold off until the next meeting to discuss this project.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY
CONFINED SPACE TRAINING

Commissioner Lindley said that he has received information regarding the confined space training through the University of Illinois Employment Relations department. According to the information, an 8 or 16 hour training on confined space can be expensive. To help defray the cost, Commissioner Lindley asked if the city could contact other public works departments if they would like to participate. Superintendent Helm said he would work on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vic Brandenburg mentioned that traffic along 5th Street was driving well over the Speed limit and he would like to see something done about slowing them down. Mayor Kepp said that he understood and almost got hit while walking his dog.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. 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