



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, 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, Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Mayor Kepp, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Tom Helm, Billie Chambers, Dustin Hakman, Janet Meyer, and Brad Eaton.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from September 24, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

NEOGA PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

President Dustin Hakman and Vice President Janet Meyer introduced themselves as members of the Neoga Partnership for Progress committee. Hakman explained that a group of citizens joined together with the old Mapping groups to form a not for profit group called Neoga Partnership for Progress. Currently NPP has two sub committees which are beatification and recreation. Hakman said that they hope to build the committee to include people to work on economic growth and housing as well. Meyer stated that if there is anything that the city feels they can be of assistance with to please contact them. Mayor Kepp thanked both of them for stepping up and taking the lead on this committee and conveyed the same if the City can be of assistance to let them know.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$62,250.77. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, Modglin, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER MODGLIN**

PURCHASE OF AUGER W/HOPPER

Commissioner Modglin explained that Superintendent Helm is requesting that the Council purchase an auger with a hopper to assist with adding lime to the lime machine. Superintendent Helm explained that currently it takes two employees and the use of the backhoe to move the lime upstairs and then the employee must lift the 50lb bag up over his head to add it to the hopper upstairs. Modglin told the Council that there are a number of concerns with this process, and after receiving a quote from York Bin Co. she feels it should be looked at. The only problem with the quote from York Bin Co is that the price didn't include installation and did not come with a hopper. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve up to \$2,402.89 to purchase an auger from York Bin Co. However, Modglin explained that if Superintendent Helm received a better quote to please proceed with it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PURCHASE OF WATER METER FOR PUMP HOUSE

Commissioner Modglin explained to the council that the water meter that measures the gallons of water the city pulls from the lake stopped registering. This meter is used by both our employees and the City of Mattoon for billing purposes. Superintendent Helm explained that the meter is an 8" meter, and the quote he received from Badger is \$3,144. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to purchase the Badger meter at \$3,144. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RESIGNATION

Commissioner Modglin said that with great regret that this would be her last council meeting. Due to the fact that her husband has decided to retire they will be traveling more, and she would not be able to attend the meetings. Modglin said that she understands she could "attend" the meetings remotely, but she feels that would not give the people of Neoga the appropriate representation. Modglin also said that she hopes the Council will find another female to replace her because in some situations women can see a different angle on things and that would benefit Neoga. The other Commissioners all commented that they hate to see her go but completely understood. Mayor Kepp presented Commissioner Modglin a traveling mug for her time on the Council and wished her safe, fun, and exciting travels.

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**STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

2015 MFT

Commissioner Edwards updated the Council on the 2015 MFT project. Edwards said that although the streets have been oiled and chipped, the company ran out of oil and rock which left 6 blocks not done. Edwards explained that the City has requested weight tickets on both to make sure we received the correct amount as bid.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

No report was given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Modglin, Hartke, Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date