

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 28, 2019 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, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Kepp. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Engineer Lee Beckman, and Engineer Narendra Patel.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Commissioner Groves abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

CHRISTMAS LIGHT DONATION TO NPP

Treasurer Diana Foor presented a quote for new Christmas lights on behalf of NPP. Currently, NPP has raised over \$4500 for new lights and asked if the City would donate to the light fund as well. Foor explained that the four different designs ranged in price from \$363 to \$460 each. After a lengthy discussion, the Council asked that someone go around to make sure on the number and quote banners as well.

RE-PLAT OF PROPERTY IN LAKELAND WOODS SUBDIVISION

City Clerk Evans explained that James and Rhonda Whitaker are in the process of replating their property so that they have the opportunity to build a large shed on their lot. However, there are still questions that need answered. Their request was tabled, and it will be discussed at another meeting.

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 \$122,981.74. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER GROVES

CAPACITY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE PLAN (CMOM)

Engineer Narendra Patel with Fehr Graham told the Council that it was time again for the annual CMOM report. Patel said that he has spoken with Superintendent Durbin, and if the Council accepts the proposal he will meet with Durbin on completing the plan for this year. Commissioner Groves asked if this is something that is mandatory. Patel explained that the report does not have to be turned into IEPA; however, they do stop by smaller communities to spot check to make sure it is on file. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the proposal as presented in the amount of \$2,500 and a project complete date of April 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

CDAP WATER GRANT

DECO is holding a grant workshop in March for grants due in August. Beckman recommended that the City look at applying for the grant to replace remaining cast iron water mains on the east side of Oak Avenue. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to apply for the water grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Beckman updated the Council on the waste water treatment plant project. The preliminary engineering report was sent to the IEPA on May 11, 2017; however, IEPA still has not approved the concept for the plant. The last correspondence was on August 22, 2017. Once the project is approved by IEPA, the plan is to bid the project ASAP with construction completed by 2020.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)

Beckman reminded the council that he meet with Greg Palmer and Sherry Phillips on October 18, 2017 to discuss the project; however, at another meeting IDOT recommended to stop the project. IDOT recommended an application extending the previous ITEP Grant. Beckman handed out a map with the updates. The new SRTS application was submitted on November 19, 2018.

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BRIGHTON CABINETS

The plans to improve the drainage were sent to IDOT in September 2016. Nothing has been done until recently and we are hopeful that it will be completed this year. Also, IDOT is doing a PSI on the drainage area which the city will be able to use in the purchase of the Crop Production property IF it is done before March 1st. If not, then the City will want to proceed on having the PSI done.

STATE GRANT (\$100,000)

Engineer Beckman told the Council that the grant they received years ago that was put on hold last year has been extended until June of 2019. Quarterly reports are still being completed, and he is waiting on word when the funds will be available again. Currently the City should have around \$25,000 left in the grant.

ITEP

The City applied for a \$1,014,960 grant with \$253,740 in leverage in 2017. Only a small partial funding was granted in the amount of \$26,400 for preliminary engineering. Before future ITEP applications are submitted, all engineering must be completed.

RLF PROJECT

Engineer Beckman explained that the application was sent in back in late December 2018. The City is waiting on DECO to send out the NOSA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley stated that he is still trying to get the railroad to fix the crossings on 6th & 7th Streets as well as the sidewalk on Oak Avenue and 6th Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one had any public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date