

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 24, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Tony Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Commissioner Stokes was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, Superintendent Tom Helm, EJ Water Representative Eric Emmerich, Milano and Grunloh Engineer Lee Beckman, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

Mayor Kepp explained to those present that the special meeting was to listen to a presentation from EJ Water Corporation offering the City of Neoga to purchase finished water from EJ Water. Mr. Emmerich informed the Council that a few months ago, the Power Plant asked if EJ Water would entertain the idea of providing finished water to them instead of them treating raw water for their use. At that time, the City of Neoga had contacted EJ Water about an emergency interconnect. Emmerich said that they proposed IF the power plant and the city decided to switch to EJ, the cost to the city would be \$100,000; however, the power plant decided that it would cost more for them to purchase the water than to produce it themselves. With that being said, Mr. Emmerich said that EJ has proposed that if the city would purchase all of their finished water from EJ, they would keep the agreement of the cost of \$100,000 to connect at the Centerline road with an 8" water line. Emmerich said that there is financing available should the city need it. This project would not go online for approximately four (4) or five (5) years.

Commissioner Hartke asked Mr. Emmerich if the city had a big fire or water main break, how long would it take to refill the water tower. Emmerich said that his plant operator estimated 12 to 24 hours max. City Clerk Evans said that she noticed there was a boil order in effect for a number of EJ customers. How long do they usually last? Emmerich said that because the water plant is so computerized they notice a main break within minutes and once the employees can notify JULIE they can have it fixed quickly. The normal boil order is no more than a couple days. Evans asked how those customers were notified. Emmerich said that they have a calling tree where the city could upload customers' phone numbers, or the city could notify them. Superintendent Helm also had a concern about adding Polyphosphate to the water to assist in keeping rust issues down. Engineer Beckman said that the pump which will be located at the center line road, could have a additional pump added to put the polyphosphate into the system.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date