



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 23, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Billie Chambers, John Juliano, Mike Burley, Engineer Joy Rexshell, Justin Titus, Shawn Finney, Ryan Buescher, Kristy Buescher, Doug Jackson, Kristen Jackson, and Paula Jirsa.

MINUTES

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

The Neoga Community Alliance representative Brian Titus discussed the upcoming election and the proposed referendum for the Neoga School district. Titus then introduced Accountant Shawn Finney who explained in depth the financial situation that the current school system is in. After the presentation, Titus asked for the Council's support in the situation. Mayor Modglin told the committee that Commissioner Kepp has been keeping the Council informed over the past months. Modglin said that these are tough issues coming up and everyone needs to keep an open mind. Modglin said that the Council understands the importance of keeping the school, and they appreciate all the work the committee has done.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$87,545.05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

No report was given.

BIDS FOR FARM GROUND

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that bids were opened earlier that night, and the results were as follows:

Scott & Leslie Partlow.....	\$297.00 / acre
Derek Strohl.....	\$218.50 / acre
Overton Family Farms.....	\$200.00 / acre
Ed Voltenburg.....	\$171.00 / acre

After the Council reviewed the bid results, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to award the farming contract to Scott & Leslie Partlow for \$297 / acre. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

WATER MAIN IEPA PERMIT

Phoenix Consulting Engineer Joy Rexshell presented the IEPA permit for a water main replacement in the alley between Oak Avenue and Locust Avenue from 6th Street north to 9th Street. The proposed cost would be \$171,000 (\$100,000 grant funds). After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the permit as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

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Superintendent Helm told the Council that he has reviewed all the city roads, and most are in good shape with the exception of Locust Avenue south of Total Grain Management. It was the consensus of the Council to submit the roads to IDOT for bid letting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

Commissioner Kepp didn't have anything to report; however, he did remind everyone to go out and exercise their right to vote on April 7, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Mike Burley asked the Council about the house on Shaffer Avenue and expressed a desire to purchase it. City Clerk Evans said she would check with the attorney about it.

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POLICE COMPUTERS

Chief Schabbing told the Council that one of the in car computers has slowed down tremendously, and he is looking for a grant for new in-car computers. The Council told him to get quotes and bring them back to a council meeting.

Superintendent Helm informed the Council that he received a call from Walks Stock Farm on Saturday night about a water leak. It appears that the leak was on their side of the meter, and they lost over 150,000 gallons of water. Helm also told the Council that the department employees will be filling pot holes in the coming days; the tractor is back and working be better than ever; and the sewer jet should be back in the next week or so. Mayor Modglin asked about the newly poured concert floor at the shop. Helm explained that it looks great but he is still waiting on the racks to put in.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date