



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 25, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hartke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Schabbing, Superintendent of Public Works Durbin, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from April 11, 2022, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

CLEANING BIDS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Mayor Hartke opened the cleaning bids and read them as follows:

Shari Morrison	\$375/mo.
Audrina Riley	\$400/mo.

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$375 by Shari Morrison. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CLEANING BIDS FOR NEOGA COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Hartke opened the cleaning bids and read them as follows:

Shari Morrison	\$600/mo.
Audrina Riley	\$600/mo.

Commissioner Groves said that he would prefer to keep the same cleaning company since there was not a savings, so he made a motion to accept the bid of \$600 by Shari Morrison. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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MOWING BIDS FOR NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Hartke opened the only bid for mowing of the Neoga Memorial Cemetery from M & E Lawn Care. The bid was \$800, \$65 more than last year. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the bid for \$800/mowing from M & E Lawn Care. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #1035-04-22 Appointment Ordinance for the City of Neoga, Illinois

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Hakman seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #1036-04-22 An Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of a Temporary Use Permit for Drainage Ditch Cleanup Project

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

TEXTMYGOV PROGRAM

This was tabled until additional information is received.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$85,397.33. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #1037-04-22 An Ordinance Setting Forth an Amended Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2022 Commencing on May 1, 2021, and Ending on April 30, 2022

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PROJECT UPDATES

No report was given.

CHANGE ORDERS 5, 6, 7, & 8 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Hartke informed the Council that these change orders still need action for the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Hartke asked that the council review each change order for discussion. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to deny the change orders. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CHANGE ORDERS 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, 8A, 8B, 9B, & 3C FOR THE RLF PROJECT

Mayor Hartke asked the Council to review these change orders as well. With no discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to deny the change orders. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hakman. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

REFUND OF CUSTOMER SEWER CHARGES

Mayor Hartke told the Council that the city attorney submitted a written reply in regard to refunding Mr. Tom Helm for sewer fees he was charged for when he wasn't using the service. Commissioner Groves said that he felt it was not the responsibility of the city to refund the charges because every resident in corporate limits should be using the services. Since no one would make a motion, it was tabled until the next meeting.

SEAMLESS FIBER INNOVATIONS

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that Seamless Fiber Innovations would like to install fiber optic lines to all residential and commercial properties in Neoga. The Council was pleased to hear this as long as there were no exclusions to having them on the city right-of-way.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Superintendent Durbin informed the Council:

- Sigel Welding has offered to remove the Clear Cone at the water treatment plant for \$3,500
- New manholes are now in stock, and the department is working on the installation around town.
- Currently no one has applied for the part time mowing position.
- The water line under the railroad has been pulled through and waiting to finish.

Chief of Police Schabbing reported:

- They are working on ordinance violation, and 25 out of 50 junk vehicles have been removed
- All officers have been looking at the investigations to help the other officers.
- Squad car has been ordered

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date