



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 23, 2023**

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 Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Groves was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, Engineer Lee Beckman, Engineer Narendra Petal, Doug Jackson, Dawn Schabbing, Wes Chambers, and Neoga News Reporter Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from January 9, 2023, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

NEOGA DAYS SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE

Neoga Days 2023 Chairman Doug Jackson informed the Council that the committee will be holding the annual Neoga Days festival May 25, 26, & 27th at Jennings Park. Jackson asked if the Council would allow them to obtain a special event liquor license for the 26th & 27th as they have in the past. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for Neoga Days on May 26th & 27th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Helm. Motion carried. 3-1

NEOGA DAYS FIREWORKS

Doug Jackson also asked the council for permission to have fireworks on Saturday, May 27th to close out this years Neoga Days activities. Jackson said that J & M Displays would like to set them off at the wastewater treatment plant at dusk. According to Jackson, they will have all the insurance necessary for the city. Commissioner Helm said that he thought this was an excellent idea to have fireworks back in Neoga, and he made a motion to allow J & M Displays to set off fireworks at the wastewater treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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REIMBURSEMENT FOR SEWER REPAIRS AT 541 W. 7TH STREET

Superintendent Durbin informed the Council that he discovered a sink hole in the ditch at 541 W. 7th Street, so he placed a dye tablet into the hole. After adding some water, he checked the manhole at 7th and Park and discovered that the colored water ran down the sewer line. Durbin said that he contacted the property owner and explained that his sewer line has collapsed and needed to be repaired. The owner contacted a licensed plumber to fix the line, and they said that the collapsed line was not the property owner's fault, but another line that ran under his sewer line. Durbin said that the line was not on the public works maps, so he doesn't know what the line is used for. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to not reimburse the property owner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$53,536.11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant – The Contractor has completed the project. Currently securing quotes to install a sink, toilet, etc. in the lab room.

CDAP Water Grant –The engineers are working on plans and specifications.

ITEP – Engineering is progressing on the project.

RLF & State Grant Project – The Contractor has completed the project.

3 Meter & Cap Main –Waiting on construction date.

2023 CMOM REPORT

Engineer Patel gave the 2023 CMOM report to the Council. Patel explained that these reports MUST be kept in the City Clerk's office, and also at the wastewater treatment plant. Patel also said that he will submit a copy to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Although it is not necessary, IEPA appreciates having a copy.

PAY ESTIMATE #1 FOR PROJECT #15216

After reviewing the pay estimate, the council questioned the fee of \$530 to lower a cone with a flat lid in the field north of the drainage ditch. According to Engineer Beckman, it was not specified in the original bids to have a flat lid installed at that location. After the easement was received, one of the stipulations was to keep all manholes under ground, which was missed during construction. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay half of the \$530 plus the remaining invoice for a total of \$18,265. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PAY REQUEST FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT #28361

After reviewing the presented pay request for the Water Improvements East of Rt. #45, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$22,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

2023 MFT

Commissioner Edwards updated the Council on the 2023 MFT project. Edwards said that Superintendent Durbin will be getting the list of streets that need repaired.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into executive session for Appointment or Removal Public Officers Section 2 (c)(3) – Selection, appointment, performance, discipline or removal of a public official. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman at 7:47 p.m. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Those present for roll call were Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Groves effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk