



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JANUARY 24, 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 Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Engineer Lee Beckman, City Attorney Tracy Willenborg, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers. Others in attendance were Dustin Salmons and Jamey Himes from 1<sup>st</sup> Class Towing.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from January 10, 2022, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

After reviewing the executive sessions minutes from December 27, 2021, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into executive session for Litigation Section 2 (c)(11) – Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman at 7:03 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 7:32 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke.

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### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

**RESOLUTION #02-01-22** A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Neoga Community School District #3

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Commissioner Hakman said that he would second the resolution; however, he would liked to have had the agreement for the life of the TIF. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ORDINANCE #1030-01-22** An Ordinance Amending Section 6-71 of the Code of Ordinance Relating to Alcoholic Beverages to Allow One Class F License

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ORDINANCE #1031-01-22** An Ordinance Authorizing First Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Workman Real Estate Holdings, LLC)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **PURCHASE OF POLICE WEAPONS**

Police Chief Andy Schabbing presented to the Council two proposals to purchase three new rifles. Currently the police department has 12 gage shotguns. Schabbing explained that option 1 would be to purchase three Saint Victor 5.56 mm SBR which will be ATF approved. This would also include all the equipment that would be needed. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase option 1 in the amount of \$4,493.40. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **WEBSITE REDESIGN**

City Treasurer Diana Foor informed the Council that the current city website will not be supported at the end of 2022, and there are legal requirements that must be uploaded to the current website which can't be done by Foor. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to update the website in the amount of \$6200. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **WALK ADDITION, FIRST ADDITION**

The consensus of the Council wanted to review the covenants, conditions, and restrictions for Walk Addition, First Addition and finalize at the next meeting.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$433,476.88. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

### **UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

Engineer Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant: pay estimate 7 for \$49,88640 is ready to be approved. The Contractor has requested additional payment for work done at the plant. The “substantial completion date was December 3, 2021. The Contractor requested an extension until January 1, 2022, and now until March 1, 2022.

Brighton Cabinets: Change order #5 for an increase of \$20,806.01 was approved at a previous meeting.

CDAP Water Grant: No change since last month.

State Grant: No changes since last month.

ITEP: No change from last meeting.

RLF & State Grant: Pay Estimate 7B for \$57,139.20 is on the agenda.

### **CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

It was the consensus of the Council to table the change order.

### **PAY REQUEST #7 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$49,886.40. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Edwards. Motion carried. 3-1.

### **PAY REQUEST #7B FOR RLF PROJECT**

After reviewing the request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$57,139.20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **INVOICE #27249 FOR KEPP AVENUE**

The Council reviewed the invoice from Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$3,141.32. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

### **INVOICE #27205 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

After reviewing the invoice from Milano & Grunloh, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$5,978.25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nay, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

No report was given.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

Commissioner Helm reported that the city is working on nuisance issues, and is obtaining pictures of problem areas.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dustin Salmons, owner of 1<sup>st</sup> Class Towing, Mattoon, said that he is purchasing the old Citgo property. Salmons explained that he will be using the property for his towing company, and to possibly develop a portion of the property to lease for another business. Salmons said he will clean the property and building up as well as install a privacy fence in which to store towed vehicles for up to 30 days. Salmons said that he received a letter from the city attorney regarding the zoning of the property, and he hopes to resolve that issue soon.

Chief of Police Schabbing said the department has been very busy with calls, and the officers are working on nuisance violations as well.

Superintendent of Public Works Durbin said that the gas and electric has been installed at Walk Subdivision First Addition.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. 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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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date