



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JANUARY 10, 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, Edwards, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Administrator / Clerk Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, and Rob Wielt.

## **MINUTES**

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

After reviewing the executive session meetings from December 13, 2021, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

### COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY

Affordable Gas & Electric Representative Rob Wielt handed out the updated bid results for commercial electric rates for all fifteen (15) of the city's electric accounts. Mr. Wielt explained that five (5) companies bid on the account, and the results showed that AEP Energy had the best rates for 12, 24, 36, and 48 months. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the AEP Energy contract for a total of 36 months at \$.065740. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE 1029-01-22    An Ordinance Indefinitely Delaying the Effective Date of an Increase of Water and Sewer Rates in the City of Neoga, Illinois

After a brief discussion about the water and sewer rate increase, Commissioner Groves mentioned the need to proceed with the increase due to the current bonds for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. The ordinance died due to the lack of a motion.

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**ORDINANCE 1028-01-22** An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a 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 Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 01-01-22** A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 07-12-21, A Resolution Concerning Ordinance No. 751-03-05 an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds (Alternate B. Revenue Source) Series 2005 of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, Directing the Application of Funds to the Payment of Debt and Directing the Abatement of a Levy and Extension of Taxes for the Year 2021 Previously Established to Pay Such Bonds

City Administrator/Clerk explained that this resolution would repeal the resolution to abate the bonds which was passed in December 2021 because the bonds have been paid in full. With no discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Hartke ordered that the treasurer's report be filed in the City Clerk's records.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

**NEOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT TIF AGREEMENT**

Mayor Hartke asked if the Council had reviewed the "draft" TIF agreement. Commissioner Edwards said that he was ok with everything in the agreement except for the number of years. Edwards explained that he would like to have the contract last for only 4 years and renew after that. This would allow both the City and School District an opportunity to increase or decrease the dollar amounts. Commissioner Groves and Commissioner Helm both agreed. Mayor Hartke instructed City Administrator / Clerk Evans to have the agreement revised for the next meeting.

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**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

**CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR DARAD**

Commissioner Edwards explained that the change order #5 was for rock that was installed along the IDOT easement and would be reimbursed by IDOT. After no questions, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to have Mayor Hartke sign the change order #5 in the amount of \$20,806.01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

Commissioner Helm discussed with the Council the need to proceed deeming some properties dangerous and unsafe. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with a list of properties that would qualify as dangerous and unsafe.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment was made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk