



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Helm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Engineer Beckman, Delbert Williams, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from May 8, 2023, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

RESOLUTION 05-05-2023

A Resolution Appointing Delbert Williams to the City Council of the City of Neoga, Illinois

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINING

Police Chief Schabbing informed the Council that the Neoga Fire Department will be hosting a First Responders Training and have offered the class to the police officers as well. Schabbing explained that the training will consist of first aid to basic EMT training. The cost of the training will be \$400, which will cover books and a registration fee. Schabbing said that the class will meet once per week, and testing will be done on line. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to approve the training for the Neoga Police officers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Police Chief Schabbing explained to the Council that he had applied for a grant in April for a resource officer at the Neoga School District. Schabbing explained that he has worked with the school superintendent regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. Schabbing said that the resource officer will not just walk around the school, but will work on the school safety alarms, health education, and school drills. The officer will interact with the students but will not oversee discipline. Schabbing is asking permission to proceed with accepting applications for a resource office. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the applications.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABHING

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$341,447.68. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER

PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the council on the ongoing projects. The \$500,000 CDAP Water Grant is almost 90% complete with the plans and specifications as of this meeting. The updated construction estimates with projected material price increases, and project estimate including engineering and administration costs total \$1,015,000. The City is applying for an IEPA Public Water Supply Loan, which offers some principal forgiveness (\$140,107) to cover the cost of the leverage. The ITEP Grant's engineering is almost complete and will have plans to IDOT in the coming days. Last, the RLF & State Grant and Sewer project are complete and waiting for the litigation to be resolved.

Commissioner Edwards asked Beckman if he could tell them again how much time the public works employees need to do their normal testing at the water and sewer plants. Beckman said that on average it will be one hour per day, except on Thursdays, when additional testing is done.

PAY REQUEST #1 FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESTROOM ADDITION

After reviewing the pay request for the restroom addition at the waste water treatment plant, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the payment in the amount of \$13,236. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

MILANO & GRUNLOH INVOICE #28807 FOR ITEP

After reviewing the invoice, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$9,008.65. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to move into executive session for Appointment or Removal Public Officers – Section 2 (c)(3) – Selection, appointment, performance, discipline, or removal of a public official at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Those present for roll call were Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk