



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Helm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Pro-tem Helm. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Durbin, Carrie Verdeyen, Cassidy Strohl, and Kelly Moore.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from April 24, 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 Pro-tem Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

City Clerk Evans asked Thomas Helm, who was elected Mayor, and Ron Edwards, and Dawn Schabbing, who were elected Commissioners, to stand and raise their right hand as they were sworn in.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

NEOGA PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS (NPP) BOOK BOX

Cassidy Strohl and Kelly Moore requested permission from the Council to place a free library box at the Neoga Community Center. This box would be a free-standing enclosed box that will allow people to deposit a book as well as take a book. According to Strohl, NPP will monitor the books monthly. Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to allow NPP to install the library box at the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DONATION

Carrie Verdeyen, Chairperson for the Cumberland County Veteran's Memorial, requested a donation from the city. Verdeyen explained the project, how much money was donated and how much they still need. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to donate \$2,000 to the Cumberland County Veteran's Memorial Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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TIF APPLICATION FROM G&M RESTORATION

City Clerk Evans discussed with the Council an application that she received from Gary Wines regarding TIF dollars to restore a building on Chestnut Avenue. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the property owner have a structural inspection done before any TIF funds were committed to the project.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABING

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER

No report was given.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

2023 MFT PROGRAM

City Clerk Evans gave the Council an IDOT Resolution for the 2023 MFT program. Evans said that the estimated cost to oil and chip the proposed streets is \$240,000. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution in the amount of \$240,000 for the 2023 MFT project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief of Police Schabbing told the Council that he has submitted a grant for the School Resource Officer, as well as resubmitted a grant for four (4) cameras. Schabbing is also working on a memorandum of agreement with the school for the resource officer. Chief Schabbing asked the Council if they would still be interested in hiring an officer for that purpose, if the resource officer grant was not awarded to the city. It was the consensus of the council to discuss this further once a full council has been sworn in.

City Treasurer Foor reminded the Council that the new fiscal year started on May 1st, and the annual audit will be done in July.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1)- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance; as well as Appointment or Removal Public Officers – Section 2 (c)(3) – Selection, appointment, performance, discipline, or removal of a public official at 8:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Those present for roll call were Commissioner Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk