



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Groves and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Edwards was absent. Others present were City Clerk Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Public Works Superintendent Durbin, City Employee Scott Shumard, City Employee Travis Haskett, Engineer Lee Beckman, and Tom Strohl.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from August 22, 2022, Commissioner Helm made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

TOM STROHL

Tom Strohl addressed the Council regarding the public hearings that the Zoning Board of Appeals has held regarding solar farms variances. Mr. Strohl expressed his concerns about solar farms and his desires that the Council deny the variance request from the property owners. Another concern that Mr. Strohl mentioned was the sidewalks around town have trip hazards and need to be replaced or repaired. As fall approaches, people are walking when it gets darker at night, and they are unable to see any irregular areas of the sidewalks. Also, there is a hole on the corner of Chestnut and 6th Street that should be addressed before winter. Mr. Strohl also asked the council to review a situation regarding employees taking vehicles home. According to Strohl, he was mowing out on the southeast side of the Lake Mattoon marina and noticed a red City of Neoga truck pulling a trailer with the mower on the back. It was not during a lunch hour, and with the current cost of gasoline, he feels the Council needs to review the policy that states city employees can take city vehicles home for lunch. Mr. Strohl thanked the Council for their time.

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ORDINANCE #1045-07-22 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (T & S Auto Sales & Service, LLC)

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

PURCHASE OF RADAR SPEED TRAILER

This was tabled

PURCHASE OF SECURITY SYSTEM FOR POLICE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, & PUBLIC WORKS

This was tabled

ADVISORY REPORT FROM BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND PLANNING

This was tabled

ACTION ON VARIANCE TO ALLOW A GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

This was tabled due to not having the advisory report from the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning

FINANCE, COMMISSINER 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.

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$82,531.56. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

LEE BECKMAN, PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant – the Contractor is complete with the project. The current completion date was December 31, 2021. The Contractor was substantially complete on May 20, 2022. The final pay estimate for \$276,720.08 and final change order for a decrease of \$42,555.00 were given to the council for approval. The Pay Estimate has \$165,000 in liquidated damages.

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Brighton Cabinets – Change Order #5 for an increase of \$20,806.01 was approved and Pay Estimate #5 for \$16,185.87 has been approved and sent to IDOT. IDOT is completing material certification prior to approving.

CDAP Water Grant – Beckman gave the council a map showing the grant application area. The application was submitted to DCEO on August 3, 2021, and was funded. The NOSAF was received on August 22, 2022. Due to the increase of material prices, the estimate is approximately \$252,000 higher. The NOSAF will be returned to DCEO on November 22, 2022.

ITEP – The City applied for a \$1,014,960 grant with \$253,740 in leverage. The project map and estimate were given to the council. Grant applications were submitted on December 1, 2017, and the project received partial (small) funding in the amount of \$26,400 (PE 1). The Joint Agreement has been approved and executed by the city and approved by IDOT for Preliminary Engineering 1. The ITEP grant was funded with only 10% leverage required for engineering and construction. The joint agreement has been sent to IDOT. The engineering agreement has been approved by the city. The engineering agreement was approved and returned from IDOT

RLF & State Grant Project – the Contractor has completed the project. The current completion date was September 15, 2021, and the contractor was substantially complete on May 25, 2022. The final pay estimates for Section A for \$64,721.15, Section B for \$3,311.43 and Section C for \$2,407.28 and change orders for section A for an increase of \$13,001.60, Section B for an increase of \$63,862.26 and Section C for a decrease of \$27,644.80 were given to the Council for approval.

CLARIFIER DRAIN REPAIRS

After reviewing the quotes to repair the wastewater clarifier drain line, Commissioner Helm made a motion to hire Tebbe Excavating in the amount of \$18,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINAL PAY ESTIMATES AND CHANGE ORDERS FOR SECTION A, B, & C FOR RLF PROJECT

After no discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the final pay estimates and change orders for section A, B, and C for the RLF project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINAL PAY ESTIMATES AND CHANGE ORDER FOR WWTP

After little discussion, Commissioner Helm made a motion to approve the final pay estimates and change orders for the WWTP project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS

After reading the resolution for support, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

2022 MFT PROGRAM

Tabled until additional information is received.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

Commissioner Helm said that he will look at the sidewalks that Mr. Strohl discussed earlier in the meeting and will report back. Also, the Neoga Park pavilion has been repaired from the storm damage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Helm made a motion to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 7:56 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Groves and seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Those present for roll call were Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk