



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Mayor Hartke was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Shari Morrison, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 22, 2021, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm. Mayor Pro-Tem Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

After reviewing the executive session minutes from March 22, 2021, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, and Hakman. Mayor Pro-Tem Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

PURCHASE OF K9 TRAINING SUIT

Chief Schabbing told the Council that the K9 training suit will be on sale until April 22, 2021 for \$921.83. According to Schabbing, the normal price for the training suit is over \$1400. If the suit was purchased it would allow the department to train more than once per month. Currently, Officer Moore and Obi must go to Effingham or Mattoon to train. Commissioner Hakman asked how long a suit usually lasted, and Schabbing explained that the suit should outlast the dog. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase the training suit for \$921.83. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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595 CHESTNUT AVENUE CHARGING INSTRUMENT

City Clerk Evans presented to the Council a charging instrument for 595 Chestnut Avenue. Evans explained that the property is in disarray and unsafe. Evans said that she had attempted to contact the owner, but she had not received a response back, so she forwarded it to the attorney. Attorney Willenborg was able to contact the property owner, and some progress was made, but there are still nuisance violations that need to be addressed. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to proceed with the charging instrument. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESOLUTION #02-04-21 A Resolution Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Walk Subdivision First Addition

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for Walk Subdivision First Addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESOLUTION 03-04-21 A Resolution to Enter into Contractual Agreement for Technical Assistance Services with the Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission.

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

ORDINANCE #1001-04-21 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Neoga Bucks Club)

After reviewing the lease agreement, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

AWARDING OF MOWING BIDS

Mayor Pro-Tem Groves opened the only bid for mowing of the cemetery. Mayor Pro-Tem Groves read the bid from M & E Lawn Service for \$735. Commissioner Helm made a motion to accept the bid from M & E Lawn Service for \$735 / mowing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. 4-0.

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AWARDING OF CLEANING BIDS

Mayor Pro-Tem Groves opened the cleaning bids for the Municipal Building. The bids were as follows:

Audrina J. Riley	\$400 per month
Shari Morrison	\$375 per month

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the cleaning bid from Sharri Morrison for \$375 per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Mayor Pro-Tem Groves opened the cleaning bids for the Community Center as follows:

Audrina J. Riley	\$600 per month
Shari Morrison	\$600 per month

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the cleaning bid from Sharri Morrison for \$600 per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

With no discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Groves ordered that the treasurer's report be filed in the City Clerk's records.

ORDINANCE #1002-04-21 An Amended Ordinance Setting Forth a Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2021 Commencing on May 1, 2020, and Ending on April 30, 2021

City Treasurer Foor explained to the Council that the current appropriation ordinance was out of balance, and this would bring everything back to the positive side. After little discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

EJ WATER COOPERATIVE WATER TAP FEE

City Clerk Evans presented to the Council the invoice for the water tap fee for EJ Water Cooperative. The fee was for part of the contract to purchase finished water from EJ Water Cooperative. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve payment of \$100,000 to EJ Water Cooperative. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, and Helm. Nays, Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Motion carried. 3-1.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

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Commissioner Edwards stated that they were still working on the final numbers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

Commissioner Helm said that he is working on some possible health and safety issues, but he will report back later.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Schabbing informed the Council that the police department has been working with the new Cumberland County wide dispatching system. Schabbing gave the council the March 2021 incident analysis report, which according to Schabbing was not completely accurate, but it would give them an idea of what the new reports would look like. Chief Schabbing also discussed the new training requirements for the police department.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.