

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
APRIL 13, 2020**

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 by conference call were: Commissioners Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Edwards was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Police Officer Jim Fuller, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 23, 2020, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

WAIVING LATE FEES ON WATER & SEWER BILLS

Mayor Hartke explained to the Council that due to the executive orders by Governor Pritzker, he would like to waive all late fees for water and sewer bills through May. The Council will revisit it again at the last meeting in May. After very little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to waive all late fees on water and sewer bills for April and May 2020, and revisit it at the last meeting in May. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

WATER DISCONNECTS

Mayor Hartke told the Council he feels the same with late fees; he would like to waive any water disconnects during this time. With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to eliminate water disconnects for April and May 2020 and revisit it at the second meeting in May. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

POLICE CAMERAS

Police Chief Schabbing told the Council that he has applied for a camera grant, but would like to have permission to purchase the camera IF they were awarded the grant. Schabbing said one in car camera will cost \$4,955.25. After little discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to purchase one in car camera for \$4,955.25 if the

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grant is awarded. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PURCHASE OF MOWER

Superintendent Durbin told the Council that he has received multiple quotes for a new 60" zero turn mower. Durbin said that he has given the Council the lease options as well as the quotes for purchasing a new mower. Superintendent Durbin said that he would like to purchase the Gravely from Mowers & More because it supports a local business, and any work that needed done would be here in Neoga. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Helm made a motion to purchase the Pro-Turn 260 Commercial Duty 60" Gravely from Mowers and More in the amount of \$9,700. Due to a lack of a second the motion died.

ORDINANCE #964-04-20 An Ordinance Indefinitely Delaying the Effective Date of an Increase of Water and Sewer Rates in the City of Neoga, Illinois

Mayor Hartke told the Council that with the current situation, he felt it would be a good idea to not increase the water and sewer rates at this time. After further discussion on the procedure to reinstate the increase, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept 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.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were heard.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk