

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
APRIL 8, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Marty Hartke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Dustin Hakman, Tom Helm and Engineer Narendra Patel.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from March 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Ayes, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

NEOGA DAYS DONATION

The Council discussed the need to donate to the Neoga Days committee this year since it is a great opportunity for the public to get together and enjoy the activities. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to donate \$500 to Neoga Days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #934-03-19    An Ordinance Authoring the Lease of Real Estate (Scott Partlow and Leslie Partlow – Cash Rent Farm Lease)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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ORDINANCE 935-03-19      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 ordinance, Commission Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE # 936-04-19      An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (First Christian Church of Neoga, Illinois Religious Corporation)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commission Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

### **WEIU SPONSORSHIP**

Mayor Pro-tem Hartke explained that WEIU will be taping a segment called “Cumberland County: This is Our Story” and are looking for sponsors. After a very lengthy discussion, there wasn’t any motions to sponsor the program at this time.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$116,363.66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

City Treasurer Foor told the Council that this is the first month after the new interest rates have been in place on a few of the accounts, and it has made a significant difference. After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Hartke ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

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### **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

#### **GENERAL SANITARY SEWERS CONSULTING**

Engineer Narendra Patel presented a proposal for professional services for 2019. This agreement would allow for general engineering consulting assistance to the City of Neoga concerning the sanitary sewers-wastewater systems and other infrastructure items, if requested by Superintendent Durbin or City Administrator Evans. These services will be billed on a time and material basis as per the established fee schedule. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to sign the agreement for 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

#### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Engineer Beckman has informed her that the LMI (low to moderate income) has changed from 42% to 59%, which opens the door for the City of Neoga to apply for a \$500,000 grant for the wastewater treatment plant. Beckman did tell her that DCEO currently only allows one application every other year, but there has been discussion regarding changing this regulation. If this happens, the sewer application should be done this year, and the water main replacement next year or the year after. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to apply for a DECO grant for the wastewater treatment plant this year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

### **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

#### **ITEP GRANT**

As a reminder, City Clerk Evans told the Council that the City applied for a \$1,014,960 grant with \$253,740 leverage. The grant was partially funded for the preliminary engineering not to exceed \$26,400. Evans said that before any other ITEP grants can be applied for, all engineering MUST be completed. With that being said, if the PE is not completed on this ITEP grant, the Safe Routes to School project cannot be completed either. Commissioner Edwards mentioned that the "8' shared path" MIGHT be able to be amended as well as the proposed sites. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to proceed with the grant application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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### **AGREEMENT WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGHWAY**

The Council reviewed the agreement with Cumberland County regarding improving East 6<sup>th</sup> Street to a Class III truck route from Route 121 to U. S. Route #45. In this project, the County will be resurfacing the driving lanes, and the county has offered to improve the parking lanes east of U.S. RT #45 to Maple Avenue. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the agreement as presented and not to exceed \$15,000 for the parking lane work, make sure the parking lanes are marked, and to not vibrate anything in due to the old waterlines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

### **JACK-A-SLAB QUOTE**

City Clerk Evans told the council that she received a quote from Jack-A-Slab to spend 4 hours in Neoga mud jacking sidewalks that are uneven. Mayor Pro-tem Hartke asked how many places they would be working on, or if we know it would even help most of the sidewalks? Evans explained that she wasn't sure on the number of sidewalks that needed to be repaired but the public works employees will be looking at the sidewalks in the coming days to get her a report. It was the consensus of the Council to look into reference from other communities and get the report from the public works department before making a decision.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley said that he only has a couple meetings left, and he would like to know that the sidewalks in front of the restaurant, bank, and pharmacy will be discussed after his term is over. Mayor Pro-tem Hartke told Lindley that he will greatly be missed and said that the sidewalks and railroad will be worked on in the coming months.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Superintendent Durbin told the council that the public works department filled all the potholes in town, and the new blower will be in on Tuesday. Durbin also assured them that they were ready to begin the mowing season.

Dustin Hakman thanked Commissioner Lindley for serving on the Council for so long, and expressed his excitement to become a Council member

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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 at 7:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:41 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke.

**HIRE PART TIME EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to hire two (2) part time employees to do the summer mowing for the city. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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