



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
AUGUST 10, 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 were: Commissioners Groves, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Engineer Narendra Patel, Wes Chambers, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from July 13, 2020, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Hakman abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

After reviewing the regular session minutes from July 27, 2020, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Groves abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

### ARCHIVESOCIAL PROGRAM

City Clerk Evans gave the Council handouts about the ArchiveSocial software that archives social media accounts as soon as they are posted, and archives the information for future use,(for example FOIA requests). Evans explained that at this time, the city has no way of going back to retrieve posts on social media should a request be made. The cost for the program has been pro-rated for our fiscal year at nine (9) months for \$1,791. Commissioner Groves said that he believes this will be a state mandated issue, and the city should get on board now.

Commissioner Hakman asked if the city really needed this kind of program, but he understands the need since we are using social media more often. After little discussion regarding being compliant with FOIA, Commissioner Edward made a motion to purchase the program in the amount of \$1,791. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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**ORDINANCE 980-08-20**      An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Ronald and Elaine Edwards)

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the proposed ordinance is for a TIF application received from Ronald and Elaine Edwards. The TIF funds that they are requesting is \$38,000 to rehabilitate, repair, and / or remodel the “Carriage House” at 262 Oak Avenue. Evans explained the property is in the original TIF district, and the property owners have already spent over \$35,000 for repairs to bring the building back to its original style. The repairs would consist of material and labors to repair the roof, trim, stairs, wood siding, gutters, and add back the cupola. Commissioner Hakman said he understands the application, but he has hesitation to give 100% for a residential property. Commissioner Groves said that he does not mind giving 100% of qualified repairs to improve properties within the TIF districts. Groves explained that although this application is for a residential property it is located on Oak Avenue just as people come into Neoga, and the property has left an imprint in the history of Neoga. Hakman said that he did not have a problem with the application except for giving 100%, but with the dollars already spent on the project, he could see giving the \$38,000. Mayor Hartke asked if Ronald and Elaine Edwards could bring additional information back to the council on what they have already spent on the building.

**ORDINANCE #981-08-20**      An Ordinance Authorizing Third Amendment to a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (G & M Restoration, LLC)

City Clerk Evans told the council that this ordinance was to correct the dollar amount of the original TIF application. Evans said that \$7,195.12 was missed when adding everything together. After no discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Foor informed the Council that the first installment of property taxes has been received, and \$144,000 was added to the TIF 1 account. Foor also explained that the City has received two installments for the “Rebuild Illinois Bond Fund” which are grant funds that can be used for bondable projects like design, land acquisition, bridge replacement or rehab, or ADA sidewalk improvements if part of a larger project. After a brief discussion, Mayor Hartke ordered that the treasurer’s report be filed in the City Clerk records.

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**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

RESOLUTION #08-08-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Regarding Water

Mayor Hartke told the Council that this resolution was for the Shelby County Energy Center expired contract. After little discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

2020 CAPACITY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN (CMOM)

Engineer Narendra Patel presented to the Council an agreement for the annual CMOM report that is required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Patel explained that the report would include the update on the sanitary sewer system asset management strategy and should be completed by October 31, 2020. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to have Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental conduct the 2020 Annual CMOM review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RLF PROJECT

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that three (3) bids were opened for the RLF project and the bids came back as follows:

Followell Construction Co.....	\$1,298,777.00
Kieffer Bros. Construction Co.....	\$1,314,895.70
B & T Drainage Inc.....	\$1,478,139.14

Evans told the Council that the awarding of the bids will be at the next meeting, and Engineer Beckman will be here to discuss it further.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

Commissioner Edwards said that he didn't have anything to report; however, he wanted to thank Vickie Mendenhall, Sue Watson, Hannah Renno, Carol Kleinik, Marleen Lawhorn and anyone else who has made over 150 masks to be donated to hospitals and nursing homes in the area.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

No report was given.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Evans told the Council that during the City-Wide Cleanup, Alan Baker spoke with her about the fire hydrant located on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Avenue. Evans said that according to Baker the hydrant has not been working correctly for years, and it is getting harder to open. The last time they used the hydrant, water was seeping out of the top of it. Baker asked Evans if Superintendent Durbin could get it replaced or repaired. Evans said she spoke with Durbin about the hydrant, and since it was repaired once and is on such a large line, he would get a price to replace it. Commissioner Groves asked if the fire department would be willing to help pay for a new one since they use it all the time. Evans said that she would check to see how other communities address this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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