



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
AUGUST 23, 2021**

## **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, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Groves was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Engineer Lee Beckman, Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers, Engineer Narendra Patel, Dean Swingler, Scott Hennesay and Michelle Hennesay.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from August 9, 2021, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Hakman abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

### PARKING CONCERNS

Michelle Hennesay told the Council that she received a letter from the city regarding the parking ordinance #833-07-12. Hennesay explained the ordinance only gives people two (2) parking spots on the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Walnut and Elm Avenue. The ordinance also gives people one (1) parking spot on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mrs. Hennesay explained that they have five (5) vehicles in their family, and their driveway and yard are too small to park in, so they have no other option to park anywhere but on the street. Hennesay said she understands the lack of visibility when a vehicle is coming from Walnut Avenue going south. They cannot see to the west, but it is because of the rose bush and trees as well as cars. However, according to Hennesay, people going north on Walnut can see down the sidewalk to Elm Avenue without having any difficulty. Hennesay asked the Council to reconsider this ordinance and allow her to park additional vehicles along 6<sup>th</sup> Street on the South side of the road. The Council thanked her for bringing this to their attention, and they will investigate the parking situation.

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ORDINANCNE # 1016-08-21 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement  
(Modern Family Dinners, LLC)

After reviewing the ordinance, 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 Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **PANTHER GYM 2022 LEASE**

City Clerk Evans told the council that the Panthers are wanting to use the gym twice a week. They would like to know what the cost would be. It was the consensus of the Council to charge \$200 per month for 2022.

### **PURCHASE OF BODY CAMS**

Chief Schabbing presented a proposal to the Council for new body cameras and software. Schabbing explained that the new cameras will automatically upload to the server when it is docked into the station and will allow authorized photos / videos to be downloaded by the states attorney or court system. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase two (2) body cams and software in the amount of \$8,558. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**

The Council discussed when to have trick or treat in Neoga. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to set trick or treat from 6-8 pm on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **ADDITIONAL CLASS F LIQUOR LICENSE**

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the Neoga Market is in the process of selling, and the new owners are interested in applying for a Class F liquor license. Evans said that the application is completed, but they still have other steps that need to be completed first. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with adding a new liquor license.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$1,028,220.16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant – project is still moving forward, and completion date is December 3, 2021.

Brighton Cabinets – still waiting on contractor to return and complete the remaining problems with the drainage area.

CDAP Water Grant – The last grant was not funded, and the new application will be submitted on August 3, 2021.

State Grant (\$100,000) – nothing new to report.

ITEP – The City applied for \$1,014,960 in grant funds with \$253,740 in leverage funds. The City received a small partial funding (\$26,400) for Preliminary Engineering 1.

RLF and State Grant – the project is proceeding and getting closer to completion. The contractor is still waiting on the approval for running the water line under the railroad at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and north of town.

#### **2021 CMOM**

Engineer Patel told the Council that the 2021 CMOM has been completed. According to Patel, the system is looking better, with very few issues to be concerned about. Patel said that he gave two (2) copies to the city clerk, and if the City would like, he will submit one to IEPA as well. It was the consensus to send an electronic copy to IEPA.

#### **CITY WIDE BOIL ORDER**

EJ Water Operator in Charge Dean Swingler informed the Council that on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, he was notified that a water sample failed a test and the second test showed E. Coli. Swingler explained why we had to issue a citywide boil order and sent out notifications to the residents. Swingler reassured the Council that all the test results have come back clear and the remaining IEPA paperwork will be completed later in the week.

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

#### **2021 MFT PROGRAM**

Commissioner Edwards explained to the Council that the 2021 MFT program was bid using CA6 rock instead of the rock chips. Edwards reminded the Council that at the last meeting it was the consensus of the Council to change from CA6 to the white rock chips because the chips didn't roll off the road as bad. Edwards said that the difference in price would be approximately \$4,000. The city could still change the rock to white chips, but it would have to be paid from general fund. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to proceed with changing the CA6 to white chips at

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\$4,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into executive session at 8:19 p.m. for Sale of Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation discipline, and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:21 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Those present for roll call were Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke.

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to allow overtime for the police department on a temporary basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk