



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
AUGUST 9, 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 presents were: Commissioners Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Hakman was absent, others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Public Works Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Dawn Schabbing, and Billie Chambers.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from July 26, 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. Commissioner Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

### MODERN FAMILY DINNERS

The Council discussed a proposed contract with Modern Family Dinners. Mayor Hartke explained that currently Mrs. Weber is renting the kitchen month to month until a contract is signed. City Clerk Evans gave the Council average monthly utilities per square foot usage for Modern Family Dinners. Evans explained the only way to figure those expenses is by square foot, which is \$200.93 / month. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards suggested that the rent should be \$750 per month with a 6-month termination clause. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the contract rent with Mrs. Weber.

ORDINANCE 1014-08-21    An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Thereon as Being Dangerous and Unsafe.

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

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ORDINANCE 1015-08-21 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate (452 Locust)

Mayor Hartke explained the ordinance would allow the city to purchase the property on Locust after demolition and removal of all structures and footings as per the demolition ordinance. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve Ordinance 1015-08-21 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

### **WATERMAIN EXTENSION ON JENNINGS AVENUE**

The Council reviewed a quote from Fuller-Wente to install a water main on Jennings Avenue. Mayor Hartke asked City Clerk Evans if Ameren was able to service the area since Shelby Co-Op has rights to the area. Evans said the company engineers and President are discussing it, but it might not be until September before we have an answer. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the watermain extension until information about the electric is returned.

### **DRAINAGE TILE ON JENNINGS AVENUE**

The Council discussed the drainage tile on the property and decided to table this until the electric is settled.

### **SCADA SERVICES**

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the SCADA system was to allow the Public Works Department to monitor the water level at the tower and receive information regarding any alerts for main breaks. Mayor Hartke asked Superintendent Durbin if he uses the program, and he said that he has looked at it a couple times but just to look at the program. The Council asked to review the contract again before deciding on the SCADA system.

### **LINESTOP AND GATE VALVE**

Superintendent Durbin explained to the Council that he would like to have a linestop and gate valve installed at the water tower. After the council discussed the advantages of having a linestop and valve at the base of the tower, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to have B & T Drainage install an 8" linestop and gate valve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **TREE CLEARING ON CHESTNUT AVENUE**

The Council reviewed a quote from Lance Dasenbrock to clear the trees and brush on the east side of Chestnut Avenue. The Council wanted to make sure they had enough insurance before they hire anyone. Superintendent Durbin said he would check and get back with the Council.

### **RLF PROJECT EXTENSION – CHANGE ORDER 4B AND 5A**

Mayor Hartke informed the Council that Engineer Beckman, Superintendent Durbin, Administrator Evans, and himself met with General Contractor Followell and Contractor Goeckner regarding the RLF project and deadline. Followell asked for a 30 days extension due to Covid and weather. Mayor Hartke said that he explained to Followell that the City was getting phone calls from the general public regarding the project, and we have been making excuses for him. Hartke said that he must have the project completed asap and, he would convince the Council to give him one (1) more 30 day extension, but that is it. Commissioner Groves made a motion to give Followell an extension till noon on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Edwards, and Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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

### **2021 MFT**

Commissioner Edwards informed the Council that the bid letting was Monday morning, and the one and only bid came in at \$76,802. The Council discussed using white chips instead of pea gravel and told Evans to see if that could be changed.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

Commissioner Helm said that the City is working on some nuisance issues and is on the right track with the purchase of the 452 Locust property.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were heard.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.