



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
DECEMBER 14, 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 Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers attended by Zoom.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from November 23, 2020, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

RESOLUTION #13-12-20 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Neoga, Illinois, Establishing a Schedule of Meetings for the Council and the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the resolution as presented for the 2021 meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

DONATION TO CAMP NEW HOPE

Mayor Hartke told the Council that Camp New Hope has asked for a donation. City Treasurer Foor said that in 2009 and 2012 the City gave Camp New Hope \$1,000. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to donate \$500 to Camp New Hope. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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HISTORY ROOM DONATION

Mayor Hartke informed the Council that the Neoga History Room has asked for their annual membership dues for 2021. Hartke said that last year the city gave \$30 for the business membership. After very little discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to donate the lifetime membership amount of \$300. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #994-12-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Fourth Amendment to a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (G & M Restoration, LLC)

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance extending the current contract until April 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #995-12-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Fourth Amendment to a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Varner & Rawlings, Inc.)

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance extending the current contract until April 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #996-12-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Strong Beginnings: Early Learning Center, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation)

Mayor Hartke informed the council that the ordinance is the same as before., but it clarifies the maintenance section of the contract. Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

After no discussion, Mayor Hartke ordered that the treasurer's report be filed in the City Clerk records.

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RESOLUTION #14-12-20 A Resolution Concerning Ordinance #751-03-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds (alternate B. Revenue Source) Series 2005 of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, Directing the Application of Funds to the Payment of Debt and Directing the Abatement of a Levy and Extension of Taxes for the Year 2020 Previously Established to pay Such Bonds

Mayor Hartke explained that the resolution is the one that the Council passes each year regarding the current sewer bonds. Commissioner Groves made the motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

LIABILITY INSURANCE BIDS

Commissioner Groves opened the one bid that was received from Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. The bid was \$37,305.00. Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

REPAIRS TO 2013 FORD TAURUS SQUAD CAR

Commissioner Hakman told the Council that the 2013 Ford squad car was damaged a few years ago. The employees tried to repair it themselves, but it hasn't held up very well. Chief Schabbing received a quote from G & M Restoration in the amount of \$1,193.29. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to repair the car in the amount of \$1,193.29. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

PAY REQUEST #2 FOR RT #45 DRAINAGE PROJECT

Commissioner Edwards told the Council that this request had been discussed a couple times, and he feels that the city should pay the request but hold out enough to pay for someone else to make repairs if needed. Commissioner Groves said the customary amount to withheld would be 10% or around \$6500. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$38,177.20. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR RT #45 DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mayor Hartke updated the Council on the drainage project and the change order #2. Hartke said this order was for the drainpipe along the Brighton Cabinetry building that was already there but needed to be extended to the new ditch. Commissioner Groves made the motion to approve change order #2 in the amount of \$7,310. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CHANGE REQUEST #3 FOR RT#45 DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mayor Hartke told the Council this change order was for the concrete culvert on the north end of the city's property. The property owner needs to access the east side of his field. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to approve change order #3 in the amount of \$12,681.49. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

Commissioner Helm didn't have anything to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Emmerich from EJ Water Corporation updated the Council on the latest developments on the EJ/Neoga connection. According to Emmerich, EJ Water is hopeful to have permission to supply Neoga with water by the end of January 2021.

City Treasurer Foor told the Council that the city was awarded the CURES Act grant for \$67,000 and we should receive a payment in the next couple days.

Chief Schabbing informed the Council that he applied for a \$20,000 K9 grant, and it will be awarded next week. Currently, the City has over \$10,000 received or pledged for a new K9.

Building Inspector Morrison said that he is still working with Attorney Willenborg on the new zoning ordinances. Also, he inspected the house at 507 Walnut and was not able to determine that the trees were the cause of the foundation damage to the house. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until spring to see if the trees are dead before any action is taken to remove the trees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to go into executive session at 7:47 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Commissioner Groves left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke

SALARIES FOR 2021

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the following wages:

Superintendent Durbin.....	\$50,233.62
Administrator Evans.....	\$65,047.59
Treasurer Foor.....	\$58,246.57
Officer Fuller.....	\$49,538.29
Public Works Hasket.....	\$ 16.89 / hour
Officer Moore.....	\$39,000.00
Chief Schabbing.....	\$52,441.81
Public Works Shumard.....	\$ 21.40 / hour

All other wages will remain the same for 2021.

CHRISTMAS BONUS

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to give all full-time employees a gift certificate from Neoga Market for \$25 and \$50 worth of Neoga Bucks; and all part-time employees \$25 worth of Neoga Bucks 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 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date