

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

**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, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Damien Hernandez, Trevor Roy, Sydney Fearday, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Ayes, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

No report was given

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**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

TREASURER'S REPORT

After viewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Hartke ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION #09-12-19     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

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

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**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

No report was given.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

**PURCHASE OF TRACTOR**

Superintendent Durbin presented three (3) different options to purchase a new tractor for the public works department. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Edwards said that he would like to see the tractors first before voting to buy one. Commissioner Helm agreed. It was the consensus of the Council to have the recommended tractor brought to the city for the council to review.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

No report was given.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Police Chief Schabbing told the Council that the Hometown Christmas activities went very well, and the event was enjoyed by everyone. Schabbing also reminded the Council that Officer Moore will be taking his power test December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Superintendent Durbin said that the public works employees have taken another dangerous sidewalk out on Grove Avenue but would like to have a sidewalk replacement plan started.

Treasurer Foor stated that she also enjoyed the Christmas activities and would also like to see sidewalks replaced.

Neoga News Editor Chamber said that the Hometown Christmas activities were some of the best she has every seen. She enjoyed all the activities even in the cold air and rain.

**EXECTIVES SESSION**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance as well as Litigation – Section 2 (c)(11) – Pending, probable, or imminent litigation. Probable or imminent litigation requires specific finding to that effect in closed session minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke.

Commissioner Groves recommended the Council give the full-time employees a pay increase of 3% for 2020. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date