

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tony Kepp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Officer James Fuller, Scott Shumard, Travis Haskett, James Whitaker, Wes Chambers, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers. Commissioner Lindley arrived at 7:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Ayes, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

The executive minutes were reviewed, and Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYEES

Mayor Kepp presented to Public Works employee Scott Shumard a certificate and service award gift for his continued service with the City of Neoga for 5 years. Kepp also presented a service award to Officer James Fuller for his continued service in the police department for the past 15 years of service. Mayor Kepp expressed the Council's true gratification for their hard work and dedication to the City.

**RESOLUTION #01-02-19** A Resolution Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Lot 1 of Whitaker's Re-plat

City Clerk Evans explained that this would be the final step in the plating process of the property located on Hickory Avenue. After the resolution was reviewed, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

City Treasurer Foor told the council that she has been working with Temple Display on a quote for new Christmas Lights; however, she received a booklet from another company called Holiday Designs that had the same snowflake designs. The company was a little cheaper and the size was 6 ft. instead of 5 ft. Foor said that Holiday Designs would send a sample of the lamps (lights) to her to review before she made a recommendation to the Council. After looking at the cost for the snowflakes, Holiday Designs were less expensive and had a 10 year warranty compared to 6 years with Temple Display. Commissioner Hartke agreed that the city needs to purchase new Christmas lights; however, he would like to purchase a few at a time by matching the Neoga Partnership for Progress (NPP) funds of \$4500. It was the consensus of the Council to table this purchase until the sample comes in and see if any additional fundraising from NPP is scheduled.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

City Treasurer Foor told the Council that this is the first month after the new interest rates have been in place on a few of the accounts and it has made a significant difference. After a brief discussion, Mayor Kepp ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### **DRAINAGE REPAIRS AT PUBLIC WORK SHOP**

Superintendent Durbin received a quote from Fuller-Wente to place a drain tile and catch basins around the maintenance shop which should stop the flooding that occurs in the building. The estimate to do all the work was \$3840. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the public works department do the work themselves.

### **D & M ELECTRIC INVOICE**

City Clerk Evans said that D & M Electric has completed the annual maintenance on the four generators which included changing the oil, all filters, checking the batteries, inspection of the engine, oil system, exhaust system, cooling system, fuel system, starting system, and operating check. During the inspection, they found that some rabbits had chewed the wiring on the battery charger and block heater. The cost to repair the damages will be \$687.42. After a lengthy discussion about the repairs, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the invoice of \$687.42. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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**DAVE AND HARRY'S LOCKSMITH PROPOSAL**

City Clerk Evans told the Council that she received a quote from Dave and Harry's Locksmith on a new card reading system for the community center. However, she is waiting on additional information that should have been there today but was not. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss this at a later meeting when the additional information was available.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

**6<sup>th</sup> STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

Commissioner Edwards explained that Cumberland County Highway will be resurfacing 6<sup>th</sup> Street from the overpass on the east side of Neoga to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and west to Oak Avenue. Edwards said that this would be a hot mix with shoulder repairs from Oak Avenue to Maple as well. City Clerk Evans told the Council that once the bid letting was done, County Engineer Bland would let us know what the cost would be to repair the shoulders from Locust Avenue to Maple Avenue.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley said that he didn't have anything on his agenda to report, but he would still like to get something done with the railroad tracks and walkways on East 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Lindley also stated that if anyone has any concerns about health and safety, to contact him.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date