



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
FEBRUARY 22, 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 Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Officer Trevor Moore, K9 Obi, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, Milano & Grunloh Engineer Lee Beckman, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

Others present were Wes Chambers, Tina Moore, Larry Moore, Julie Kastl, and Tim Kastl.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from January 25, 2021, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

After reviewing the executive session minutes from January 25, 2021, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

K9 OBI

Chief of Police Schabbing informed the Council that Officer Moore has completed and graduated from the 6-week K9 school. Schabbing also explained that the K9 fund has received over \$5,000 in contributions, and Officer Moore will be picking up another \$10,000 next week. The Neoga American Legion will also be holding a fundraiser in the future for additional funds. Officer Moore introduced K9 Obi and explained that Obi is trained in tracking, apprehension, and detection. Obi is a 1 ½ year old Belgian Malinois. Moore said that Obi will be taking his state certification within 2 weeks so that he can be used on the streets. Moore proceeded to show what skills Obi had.

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CCDC REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Hartke explained that the Council needs to appoint two (2) representatives to the CCDC Board. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint Zach Letizia to the CCDC Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TIF APPLICATION FOR WILLIAM MCKINNEY

Mayor Hartke tabled until later.

TIF APPLICATION FOR NEOGA AMERICAN LEGION

Mayor Hartke tabled until later.

VARIOUS TIF APPLICATIONS

Mayor Hartke tabled until later.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$88,172.06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

2005 SEWER BONDS

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the next payment on the 2005 Sewer Bonds will be due in March, and currently the balance is around \$85,000. Evans asked if the Council would like to pay those off before the new bonds are written for the new sewer project. Commissioner Groves asked how much the exact balance is and Evans explained that she has not received the payoff yet. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay off the balance of the 2005 Sewer Bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PROJECT UPDATES FROM LEE BECKMAN

Engineer Beckman gave his monthly update on the City projects as follows:

Sewer Plant: The Notice of Award and Inspector Resumes will be discussed at the meeting.

Safe Routes to School: Was not funded.

Brighton Cabinets: All issues except the excess dirt have been addressed.

CDAP Water Grant: Tentatively, these grants are to be announced the first quarter of 2021.

State Grant (\$100,000): Nothing has changed.

ITEP: Nothing has changed.

RLF Project: Change order #1C to delete the sewer from 5th Street to 4th Street should be approved at the meeting. Change order #2A for the addition of bores to eliminate sidewalk removal for a deduction of \$9,652 should be approved at the meeting.

CHANGE ORDER #1C FOR RLF SANITARY SEWER AND FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT

Engineer Beckman explained to the Council that the change order #1C will delete the sewer from 4th Street to 5th Street on the East side of Route 45, changing the point of connection and changing the railroad crossing from 12' deep to 6' deep for a deduct of \$76,800. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the change order #1C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CHANGE ORDER #2A FOR RLF SANITARY SEWER & FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT

Engineer Beckman also told the Council that Change Order #2A is for the addition of bores to eliminate sidewalk removal for a deduct of \$9,652. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve Change Order 2A. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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APPROVAL OF INSPECTORS FOR RD LOAN

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the list of inspectors for the RD loan was given to them. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the list of inspectors as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

AWARDING OF SEWER PROJECT BIDS

Engineer Beckman told the Council that the bids were opened for the Wastewater Treatment plant project on February 18th. According to Beckman, the lowest bidder was Followell Construction, with a base bid of \$2,126,902. Beckman explained the project also had seven (7) alternate bid items, and he explained each item. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to award the project to Followell Construction with alternates two (2) – seven (7). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Building Inspector Morrison told the council that they received a copy of the proposed zoning changes which address semi-trucks in residential areas, home occupations, and solar farms. Morrison asked that they review the ordinance prior to the zoning board meeting in March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into executive session at 7:36 p.m. for Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 22 (c)(5) – Includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body. Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date