

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 13, 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 Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from December 23, 2019, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

NPDES PERMIT UPDATE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Engineer Narendra Patel submitted an email and reported the following:

- NPDES Permit renewal application documents were submitted to IEPA on September 18, 2019
- The IEPA draft copy was received on December 20, 2019
- The review comments were sent back on December 23, 2019
- The official 10-day internal review draft was received on January 2, 2020
- A letter requesting special condition addition re: ammonia time extension was submitted on January 8, 2020
- IEPA requested a copy from Milano and Grunloh for the May 2017 preliminary engineering report on January 8, 2020: and some additional questions of Milano and Grunloh as a follow up.
- Once IEPA receives that info this week as mentioned; IEPA will likely then move the draft permit to the next step, i.e. begin a 30-day comment period.
- Once IEPA concurs with the ammonia time extension request, the Agency will begin a 30-day public comment period (expected over the next couple months or so).

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PURCHASE OF SONIC WALL

City Clerk Evans told the council that the city's current sonic wall is outdated, and System Development Services sent four quotes to the City. After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase a UPG TZ350 Sec Plus for a 3-year package. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

IIMC CONFERENCE

City Clerk Evans gave the Council information regarding the International Institute for Municipal Clerks Conference. Evans explained that the conference is being held in St. Louis this year. Evans said that in the past it was held in Seattle, Birmingham, Atlanta, and overseas. Evans told the Council that the training will give her points towards her certification as well. The Council asked for a spreadsheet at the next meeting.

FRIENDS OF LAKE MATTOON CIRCUS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the Friends of Lake Mattoon would like to book the circus again this year and have it at the Community Center. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman made the motion to allow Friends of Lake Mattoon to use the grounds for the circus if both Friends of Lake Mattoon and the circus have appropriate insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioners Hakman, Edwards, Helm and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

NEOGA DAYS SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE

City Clerk Evans reported that the Neoga Days Committee would like to request a special event liquor license to sell beer and wine at the Glo Bingo fundraiser on February 29th. Commissioner Hakman asked if they would be required to have special event insurance, and City Clerk Evans said that they have in the past. It is required by the State of Illinois. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to have Mayor Hartke issue a liquor license for the Neoga Days Committee for February 29th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PURCHASE OF OVERHEAD DOOR

Superintendent Durbin made a presentation to the Council regarding the overhead door at the shop. Durbin explained that the door has been repaired over the years and now is beyond being repaired. Durbin would like to have it replaced before it won't open at all. Durbin said that he had three companies look at the door and two placed bids as follows:

Altamont Overhead Doors	\$2,914.00
Roepke Overhead Doors.....	\$4,605.00

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to purchase a door from Altamont Overhead Doors for \$2,914. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

Commissioner Edwards said that the public works department prepared for the rains very well, and that he received only one call.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shawn Durbin praised the public works employees for working hard to clean out the ditches before the heavy rains set in.

Building Inspector Jeff Morrison informed the Council that he will be meeting with Attorney Willenborg to propose changes to the zoning ordinances. Morrison also said that they will be planning a public hearing for April 20th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel – Section 2 (C)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance; Sale or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(6) – limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property; and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(5) – Includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body

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Commissioner Hakman made a motion to go into executive session at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:25 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried.4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date