

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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, Groves, and Mayor Kepp. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Engineer Lee Beckman, and Auditor Nick Sidenaller.

MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes from January 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0. Commissioner Edwards and Groves abstained.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

NEOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Ben Johnson and School Board Member Shawn Finney informed the Council that the school board has discussed the possibility of selling the old elementary school. Johnson explained that the district has updated the following:

- 2005 replaced exterior doors and windows
- 2006 gym roof repaired, retrofit gym lights with T8 fixtures
- 2010 Roof (excluding the gym roof), skylights, retrofitted classroom lights with T8 fixtures, geothermal HVAC, interior locksets and repaved play ground
- 2012 concreted the drive.

Commissioner Groves asked if there were any concerns that the school would have with the building. Superintendent Johnson said that the only concerns they know of would be the aging plumbing / bathroom fixtures. An environmental concern is that there is asbestos in the floor tile and the ceiling, but it is contained and undisturbed. Johnson also said that there is some pipe insulation on the stage, in the boiler room, and storage room, but most has been removed. Mr. Johnson said that there were some joints or termination points that have been wrapped / taped by an asbestos professional and they were up by the ceiling which is out of reach. Another issue is lead which was tested, and filters were added to the water fountains. The kitchen faucets and faucets in the east wing classrooms had detectable levels of lead above the acceptable levels. Johnson said that they recommended flushing and possibly add filters as well.

Board member Finney asked the Council that if they know of anyone interested in the property to please let them know.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$185,655.68. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

2017 AUDIT REPORT

Nick Sibenaller from Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan explained the 2017 fiscal year end audit in great detail. After little discussion, Mr. Sibenaller informed the council that the audit didn't have any findings.

RESOLUTION # 01-01-18 A Resolution Concerning Ordinances #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 Abatement of a Levy and Extension of Taxes for the Year 2018 previously Established to Pay Such Bonds (Series 2005)

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER STOKES

MIDWEST ENGINEERING & TESTING INVOICE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the invoice from Midwest Engineering & Testing was for the soil samples required to replace the water line under the CN railroad. Engineer Beckman explained that the testing is required from CN before the permit is approved. With little discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$4,150. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Engineer Beckman updated the Council on the current projects as well, as told the Council that the 6th Street water line replace project will have bids opened later in the month of February.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion at 7:45 pm to move into executive session for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance; Sale or Lease of Real Estate – Section (c) (6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property; Litigation – Section 2 (c) (11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:21 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date