



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 12, 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 presents were: Commissioners Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Public Works Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, City Attorney Tracy Willenborg, Michelle Niebrugge, Mark Niebrugge, Jeanette Niebrugge, Dawn Schabbing, Bob Miller, and Natalie Miller.

MINUTES

Mayor Hartke asked for a motion to ratify all final action that was taken at the June 28, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to ratify all final action at the June 28, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Groves abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

After reviewing the regular session minutes from June 28, 2021, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

MODERN FAMILY DINNERS

The Council tabled until next meeting.

ORDINANCE 1011-07-21 An Ordinance Amending Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neoga, Illinois

Building Inspector Jeff Morrison informed the Council that the Zoning Board held a public hearing, and after no public comments were heard, the Zoning Board approved the proposed changes and recommended that the City of Neoga Council approve the changes. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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ORDINANCE 1012-07-21 An Ordinance Amending Article II of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neoga, Illinois (Fences)

Building Inspector Morrison told the Council that the Zoning Board recommends that the Council approve the proposed changes. After little discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve Ordinance 1012-07-21 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TIF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Commissioner Hakman told the Council that he has not been able to meet with anyone regarding the TIF, but he hopes to work on it soon. Mayor Hartke reminded everyone that we have several applications and need to give those people an answer soon.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PURCHASE OF FIRE HYDRANT

Superintendent Durbin explained to the Council that the fire hydrant next to the water tower is hard to open, and the fire department informed the city that it takes two firefighters to open it. Durbin explained that a new hydrant would cost \$2,278.78 and may take over a month to come in. Commissioner Helm told the Council that the internal parts were replaced years ago, and he recommended the internal parts be replaced again instead of replacing the entire hydrant. Commissioner Hakman said since the parts were replaced once before, maybe it was best to just replace the entire hydrant. Commissioner Groves agreed, so he made a motion to purchase a new hydrant in the amount of \$2,278.78. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

IEPA LIFT STATION AGREEMENT

City Clerk Evans explained the agreement with Milano & Grunloh Engineers was to prepare IEPA plans and permits for replacing the lift station at 1095 US RT #45. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the agreement in the amount of \$3000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Groves, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

RESOLUTION 05-07-21 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Niebrugge presented to the Council her concerns regarding local flooding in Neoga. Niebrugge said that she has reviewed the FEMA Flood maps, and Neoga is not in a flood zone. Ms. Niebrugge said that she has been reviewing many streets in Neoga, and some did not have any ditches which caused the water to back up into yards. According to Ms. Niebrugge, most residents in Neoga do not make enough money to fix the flooding problems on their property. Some of Ms. Niebrugge solutions were to apply for grant from USDA, US EPA and / or Illinois EPA. Another solution was to use a portion of the profit from local non-for-profit organizations or from Neoga Days to fund a complete rehab of the drainage in Neoga. Ms. Niebrugge handed out grant information to the Council members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. for Litigation – Section 2 (c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation. Probable or imminent litigation requires specific finding to that effect in closed session minutes as well as Sale or lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:09 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. No action was taken.

Attorney Willenborg explained to the Council that the current TIF policy and Assistance Program is very vague so that the Council can work with most applications. City Clerk Evans will put together a tentative budget for TIF funds and send it to the Council for comments.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk