



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 26, 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 Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Groves was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Engineer Lee Beckman, Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers, Dawn Schabbing, and Paul Schabbing.

MINUTES

After reviewing the executive session minutes from June 28, 2021, 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.

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from July 12, 2021, 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

MODERN FAMILY DINNERS, LLC LEASE

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the owner of Modern Family Dinners, LLC reviewed the proposed lease agreement and asked that the cancellation be removed from the lease. After a lengthy discussion, the council tabled the lease until the owner returned from vacation and a meeting could be held.

SCADA SYSTEM

Mayor Hartke explained to the Council that the EJ Water contract had a charge for a SCADA system for the public works employees to use at a cost of \$50 per month. Commissioner Helm asked if the employees used the system, and why they needed it. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the council to table until Superintendent Durbin could provide additional information.

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SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NEOGA PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

Commissioner Hakman told the Council that Neoga Partnership for Progress (NPP) has scheduled “Sooyefest” for October 2, and they would like to have a beer tent again. Hakman said that they do have permission from the park district. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for NPP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Helm. Motion carried. 3-1.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NEOGA BUCKS CLUB

Commissioner Hakman informed the Council that the Neoga Bucks Club would like to use the Neoga Community Center for an Adult Prom on November 13th. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Neoga Bucks Club. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Helm. Motion carried. 3-1.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$56,798.03. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE #1013-07-21 An Ordinance Setting Forth a Budget of Estimated Receipts and Disbursements and Making Appropriations for City Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2022 Commencing on May 1, 2021, and Ending on April 30, 2022.

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant – Sludge has been removed from Cells 1, 2 and 3. Concrete for the MBBR and the floor and block on the aeration building has been completed. Pay Estimate #3 for \$201,276.75 will be presented for approval. The Substantial Completion date is December 3, 2021.

BRIGHTON CABINETS – Still waiting on contractor to return to complete the job.

CDAP Water Grant – The last grant was not funded, and the new application will be submitted on August 3, 2021.

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State Grant (\$100,000) – nothing new to report.

ITEP – Nothing new to report.

RLF and State Grant – presented pay estimates 4B in the amount of \$190,218.92 and 5A in the amount of \$205,023.70 for approval. The substantial completion date is August 1, 2021. Beckman explained to the Council that the project was scheduled to be completed May 1, 2021 and was given a 90 day extension. According to Beckman, the contractor is behind again and may need an additional extension.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT PAY REQUEST #3

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$201,276.75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RLF WATERLINE PROJECT PAY REQUEST #5A

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$205,023.70. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RLF SEWER PROJECT PAY REQUEST #4B

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$190,218.92. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION INVOICES FOR MILANO & GRUNLOH

Engineer Beckman presented three invoices for payment. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$13,326; \$6,488.75; and \$1,787.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TRANE CONTROL AGREEMENT

City Clerk Evans presented the Trane Control agreement and explained that last year the city did not have a contract for the heating and cooling system at Neoga Community Center. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TRANE SERVICE AGREEMENT

City Clerk Evans presented the Trane Service agreement to the council for review. Commissioner Hakman questioned the cost of the contract. Mayor Hartke suggested getting additional quotes from another company. Evans said that she would ask the school who they use and bring it back to the council.

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City Clerk Evans asked if the Council wanted to accept the Trane Control agreement since we were looking for another company for the service agreement. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman rescinded the motion to accept the Trane Control agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

LINE STOP AND GATE VALVE

The Council reviewed a quote to install a line stop / gate valve at the base of the water tower. The quote, \$9,400, would include the materials and labor. Commissioner Helm said that he did not understand why the valve was needed, and he recommended Superintendent Durbin attend the next meeting and explain why he thought it was needed.

WALK'S SUBDIVISION COVENANTS AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Hakman told the council that he received guidelines from Dieterich regarding the covenants and purchase agreements for the subdivision in Dieterich. Hakman asked that the Council review the guidelines and make suggestions for Walk's Subdivision.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

2021 MFT PROGRAM

Commissioner Edwards informed the Council that the MFT program will be bid, and estimates will be available in the coming weeks.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Schabbing asked the Council the status of the property located by the interstate, mainly the old truck plaza and the dirt pile located on IDOT property. Schabbing said that it was an eyesore and needed to have something done. Mayor Hartke explained that it was in litigation at this time. Schabbing also gave the Council a list of possible fuel stop companies for the City to contact and suggested placing for sale signs on the property as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.