

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JULY 9, 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 Floor, Superintendent Shawn Durbin, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, Zoning Board Member Brian Kidd, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from June 15, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Commissioner Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP**

PETITION FOR REZONING

Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, on behalf of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District No. 3, presented a petition requesting that the city rezone the property commonly known as 641 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Neoga, Illinois, from a R-1, Single Family Dwelling to a C-1, Central Business District. City Clerk Evans accepted the petition.

ORDINANCE #917-07-18    An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Regulations, Appendix B of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Neoga (Rezoning of 641 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from R-1, Single Family Dwelling District to C-1, Central Business District Zoning)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to rezone the property at 641 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from R-1 Single Family Dwelling to C-1, Central Business District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**ORDINANCE #918-07-18** An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate (641 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street)

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

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Kepp ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**PURCHASE OF MUNICIPAL SIGN**

The Council reviewed options and quotes for a new sign for the Neoga Municipal Building. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus to table the purchase until a decision was made about the use of the new building at 641 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Groves said that renaming the building may make a difference in the signs.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

**PURCHASE OF USED MOWER**

Superintendent Durbin told the council that he would like to purchase the mower from the Neoga Park District because the Ford tractor isn't as productive as a ZTR would be. Since they will be mowing the property at 641 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, it would help save time with this mower. Commissioner Edwards said that he has checked on the mower, and Mowers and More has been servicing the mower for the park district. According to Edwards, Mowers and More would not recommend that mower for the city because the park district has been using it to drag the baseball diamonds, and it has a lot of sand in it. It was decided to look for another mower instead of purchasing the one from the park.

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**2018 MFT**

The City reviewed the bids that were opened on June 27, 2018. The bids came in as follows:

Larry Heuerman.....\$50,772.00

Earl Walker.....\$68,055.54

After little discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to award the bid to Larry Heuerman in the amount of \$50,772. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PURCHASE OF A USED TRUCK**

Superintendent Durbin asked the council to discuss the purchase of another small truck for the public works department. Durbin explained that he has been driving his personal truck so that the guys don't have to drive the old dump truck around town. The Council decided to continue to look around for an older vehicle for the department, but it didn't have to be a truck.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

Commissioner Lindley expressed some concern about the handicap sidewalk at 6th Street and RT #45. Lindley said that a couple of people have tripped and fallen at that intersection due to the 6" of concrete next to the building. City Clerk Evans will contact IDOT and let them know.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into executive session for purchase or lease of Real Estate – 2 (c) (6) – Includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased / leased by the public body and Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:30 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:58 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Those present for roll call were: Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date