



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
JUNE 8, 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 Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Groves was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Officer Trevor Moore, Kellie Moore, Larry Moore, Tina Moore, Trenton Moore, Trista Moore, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from May 26, 2020, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Commissioner Hakman abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICER**

Mayor Hartke informed the Council that the City has received notification that Officer Moore has completed his PTI training and is now a certified officer. At that time, City Clerk Evans swore in Officer Trevor Blain Moore and Chief Schabbing presented the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board certificate to him.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

**CITY WIDE CLEANUP**

City Clerk Evans told the Council that they have received numerous calls about the city-wide cleanup. Evans said that she researched bids in the event they still want to hold the cleanup this year. The bids were as follows:

Howards Trash Service	\$495 / 30-yard dumpster
Advanced Disposal	\$550 / 30-yard dumpster

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Helm made a motion to have Howard's Trash bring three thirty-yard dumpsters for the clean up, and a trailer from Com2 for electronics. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN**

#### **UTILITY LATE FEES AND SHUT OFF POLICY**

City Clerk Evans and City Treasurer Foor expressed their concerns about utility customers that have not paid their past due water and sewer bills. Evans said that most of the customers that would normally have been shut off are tenants. If they move without paying their bill, the homeowner will be responsible for the bill. Treasurer Foor said that there are 6 or 7 customers that have not made a payment since April, and their bills are well over their deposits. Evans explained that if the shut off policy was reinstated we could send a letter explaining that a payment of at least 50% must be made before July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the remaining balance could be set up on a payment plan. Commissioner Edwards agreed, and he made a motion to reinstate the shut off policy but continue to eliminate the late fees through June 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Commissioner Hakman told the Council that he noticed a few tree limbs falling off a tree on the west end of the Community Center building. Hakman said that he believes the tree is dead and needs to be removed before fall. Evans said that she will let Superintendent Durbin know so he can get cost estimates.

### **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

No report was given.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM**

No report was given.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were heard

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. for 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke.

Commissioner Helm made a motion to give Officer Moore an increase in pay of \$2500 to bring his pay up to \$37,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Edwards, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date