

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 8, 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 Treasurer Diana Foor, Building Inspector Jeff Morrison, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Neoga School Superintendent Bill Fritcher, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from February 22, 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 executive session minutes from February 22, 2021, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

ORDINANCE #1000-03-21 An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (Walk Trust)

Commissioner Hakman stated that this is the City's first attempt at bringing in housing development. There will be four (4) single family lots, with each lot being approximately .4 acres. He asked if there were any questions. With none being asked, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. IT was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

With no discussion, Mayor Hartke ordered that the treasurer's report be filed in the City Clerk records.

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ORDINANCE #999-03-21

An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for an Issue of Up To \$1,100,000 Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds for the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Purpose of Paying a Part of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Installing and Operating Waterworks and Sewerage Facilities in Such Municipality, Providing for the Payment, Sale, and Delivery of Such Bonds, and Making Certain Covenants in Providing for the Operations of the Waterworks and Sewerage System of the Municipality and the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues to be Derived from the Operation Thereof.

With no discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, with a second by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

Commissioner Hakman stated that he would like to set up a meeting on proceeding with the housing development slated for South of Jennings Avenue.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

DISCUSSION ON MFT 2021 PROGRAM

Commissioner Edwards has asked Superintendent Durbin to evaluate all of the roads in the City. The council will then decide which roads to fix according to the available MFT funds.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

Commissioner Helm said that he feels the construction crew is doing a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Neoga School Superintendent Bill Fritcher thanked the Council for taking the first step in bringing a new housing development to the City. He looks very positively on the land purchase.

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Chief of Police Schabbing reported:

- The department has received \$10,000 in donations for the K-9 program.
- Officer Moore and K-9 Obi have passed their State Certification.
- Mars Petcare in Mattoon has donated dog food.
- He has checked into the cost of purchasing a bite suit. There is possibly a grant available, so he will try to apply for it.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk