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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
NOVEMBER 26, 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 Foor, Police Chief Andy Schabbing, Engineer Lee Beckman, Auditor Nick Sibenaller from Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan, LLP, Aly Easton, Braden Eggers, Cody Hill, Dakota Krampe, Chase Lanham, and Madison White.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 13, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR KEPP

ORDINANCE #926-11-18 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Option Agreement Project: Crop Production Services, Inc.

City Clerk Evans explained that this ordinance extends our option to purchase the Crop Production property until April of 2019. After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #927-11-18 An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neoga, Illinois, and Regulating Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Itinerant Vendors

City Clerk Evans told the Council that in the past few months, the city office has received multiple permit requests to go door to door. This ordinance would allow residents to register with the city for the "DO NOT KNOCK" list that we would give to the solicitors. We would also have a sign that the registered residents would place on their door showing that they are a "DO NOT KNOCK" participant. After a brief discussion regarding school groups or politicians, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept

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the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #928-11-18 An Ordinance Amending the City of Neoga Personnel Policy and Procedures (Sexual Harassment Policy)

City Clerk Evans explained this ordinance is required due to Public Act 100-1066, which in part amended the Illinois Human Rights Act. The act expands the time to file charges of discrimination and requires us to amend the City of Neoga's personnel policy. With no discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Edwards, Hartke, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Mayor Kepp mentioned to the Council that he has been discussing the hours of the Villa on #45 with the owner. Kepp stated that the owner, Frank Miller, said the restaurant will be closing at 8:00 p.m; however, people can still get food at the Firehouse. The only problem would be if a family came in to eat at 8:30 p.m. they might not have time to finish their meal before the required time to have minors out of the bar. After a very short discussion, it was decided to place this subject on the agenda for a later meeting.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$163,599.53. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Edwards, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REVIEW OF 2018 AUDIT

Auditor Nick Sibenaller from Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan, LLP, reviewed the fiscal year end 2018 audit. Sibenaller explained all the accounts that the auditors reviewed, and mentioned significant deficiencies were noted in the letters attached to the audit. After the review the council didn't have any questions and thanked Mr. Sibenaller.

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ORDINANCE #929-11-18 An Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019

After reviewing the ordinance, 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.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER GROVES

No report was given.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

PURCHASE OF A HUSTLER SUPER 104 MOWER

Commissioner Edwards told the Council that the Public Works department tested a new Hustler Super 104 mower from Birkey's; however, it was not what they were looking for, so he recommended to not purchase a mower at this time. The topic died from a lack of a motion.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

Commissioner Lindley stated that he would like the city to look at the sidewalk in the 500 block of Oak Avenue. Lindley stated that he thought the sidewalk had developed a crack in front of the Firehouse Bar that needed to be addressed. City Clerk Evans said that she would contact Superintendent Durbin about fixing it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one had any public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date