



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
NOVEMBER 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, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers, School Superintendent Bill Fritcher, Neoga School Board member Shawn Finny, and resident Amy Gentry.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 25, 2021, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

### NEOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

Superintendent Bill Fritcher informed the Council of upcoming projects that the district will be addressing. Fritcher explained that the projects are all high dollar tickets including floor asbestos abatement (\$300,000), elementary school roof replacement (\$1,850,000), and high school tuck pointing (\$830,000). Fritcher told the Council that the district's tax rate is the lowest in the five-county area, and due to PTEL the tax rate cannot be increased enough to pay for the repairs. That is where the city could help. Fritcher asked the Council if they would commit TIF dollars to the school. According to Fritcher, if they have committed TIF dollars, they could take that into consideration when they write the question for the tax referendum. Board member Finney informed the Council that the State of Illinois requests that the school district have six (6) months in reserve dollars, which they do at this time. Finny said that the board has worked extremely hard to do that since they were in the negative balances a few years ago. Mayor Hartke thanked both Fritcher and Finny for their time and dedication to the school district. Hartke said that he would like to discuss this with the Council at the next meeting, and hopefully vote on it when all the members were present.

### MEDIACOM INTERNET AGREEMENT

Chief Schabbing told the Council that the agreement before them was for internet services for both the police department and the municipal building. After little discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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**ORDINANCE #1023-11-21** An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Neoga, Illinois, Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Viking Capital TIF)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**RESOLUTION #06-11-21** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Neoga, Illinois, Establishing a Schedule of Meetings for the Council and the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning.

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Helm made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**ORDINANCE #1024-11-21** Appointment Ordinance for the City of Neoga, Illinois

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**ORDINANCE #1025-11-21** An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (G & M Restoration)

This was tabled until the next meeting.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**TAX LEVY REVIEW**

Mayor Hartke asked the Council to review the proposed tax levy, and if they would like any changes to bring them to the next meeting.

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

#### **PURCHASE OF LOCATOR AND TRANSMITTER**

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the Public Works department needs a locator and transmitter to locate utilities. After reviewing the quote, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to purchase the locator and transmitter in the amount of \$4,400. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

#### **PAY REQUEST #3 FOR DARAD**

This was tabled until Engineer Beckman could attend the meeting.

#### **PAY REQUEST #4 FOR DARAD**

This was tabled until Engineer Beckman could attend the meeting.

#### **BID OPENING AND AWARDING FOR 470 LOCUST AVENUE**

Commissioner Hakman opened the sealed bids for 470 Locust Avenue. The bids were read as follows:

Amy Gentry - \$5,125  
Mike Drennan - \$1,777

After little discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to award the bid to Amy Gentry. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment was made.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Helm made a motion to go into executive session at 7:34 p.m. for Sale of Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation discipline, and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Hakman and seconded by Commissioner Helm. Those present for roll call were Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke.

**SALE OF LOTS**

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to sell up to three lots in the 800 block of Chestnut Avenue for \$100 each plus all closing expenses to Workman Real Estate Holding LLC., for a new concrete business. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk