



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
OCTOBER 13, 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, Helm, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioner Groves was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, Wes Chambers, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from September 28, 2020, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioners Edwards, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

ELECTION DAY HOURS

Mayor Hartke told the Council that the State of Illinois made election day an unfunded state holiday. Hartke explained that according to the IML website, there will be court hearing on Thursday to decide if the State can mandate government offices and schools to be closed. Hartke also explained that since the polling place is in the municipal building it is exceedingly difficult to work with people coming in and out of the office all day. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Helm made a motion to have the office closed on November 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Edwards, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE #985-10-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Neoga Community Food Pantry, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation)

After reviewing the lease, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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ORDINANCE #986-10-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Grace United Methodist Church, Neoga Backpack Ministries)

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, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE #987-10-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Strong Beginnings: Early Learning Center, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation)

After reviewing the ordinance regarding the lease agreement, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

FARM LEASE

City Clerk Evans asked the Council for guidance on the farm lease. Evans asked if they would like to renew the current lease with Partlow's or ask for bids. If was the consensus of the Council to continue with the current lease.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

CHANGE REQUEST #3 FOR RT#45 DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mayor Hartke told the Council that this change request was mention at the last meeting by Engineer Beckman. Beckman said cost of the culvert to be added to the project on the north side of 1070 US RT. #45 would be \$12,681.49. Since it was not on the agenda no action could be taken; however, a verbal authorization was given to the City Clerk to proceed with the change so that Wilsons could access the farm ground on the east of the property. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the change request in the amount of \$12,681.49. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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PAY REQUEST #2 FOR RT.#45 DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mayor Hartke told the Council that the punch list was not completed, and the pictures still showed additional issues. When asked for a motion, none was made. Mayor Hartke asked City Clerk Evans to express their concerns with the Engineer.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Building Inspector Morrison told the Council that the Zoning Board is still working with Attorney Willenborg.

Neoga News Editor Chambers informed the Council that all the Cumberland County communities will be holding Trick or Treat this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date