



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
OCTOBER 25, 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, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Durbin, Building Inspector Morrison, Engineer Lee Beckman, Scott Hennesay, and Dawn Schabbing.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 12, 2021, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE**

### SCOTT HENNESAY PARKING CONCERNS

Scott Hennesay, property owner at 233 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed his concerns that the City of Neoga has limited two (2) parking spots on the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and only one (1) parking spot on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Hennesay explained that his family currently has five (5) vehicles, and he can park two in his driveway, but he needs to have more than the two (2) parking spots on the south side of the street. Mayor Hartke told Mr. Hennesay that the city has received complaints about visibility issues when vehicles are on Walnut Avenue and entering the intersection at West 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Hartke also said that the ordinance regarding the limited parking was put into place a few years ago and has decreased visibility complaints. Recently there has been additional vehicles parked in the area causing visibility concerns. Hennesay asked the council where he should park his other vehicles.

Commissioner Hakman said that the Council has to plan long term and be fair to everyone. If we change one side of the street someone will ask to change the other side, and it costs too much to keep changing ordinances for everyone.

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### **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

#### MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$160,634.16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

#### PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant – Pay Estimate #4 for \$75,715 will be presented for approval and Change Order #4 for additional lagoon excavation and electrical service to two existing buildings will be presented for approval.

Brighton Cabinets – the contractor is still planning to regrade the ditch, and the track hoe has been moved onto site

CDAP Water Grant – Nothing to report.

ITEP – Nothing to report.

RLF & State Grant – Contractor has all work completed except for bores and connections. Pay estimate 5B for \$55,685.81 and Pay Estimate 6A for \$9,969.33 will be presented for payment. Also, the contractor has requested additional payment for insurance requirements from the railroad bore by TGM. According to Beckman, the paperwork states that the contractor is responsible for all expenses with the bore; however, after the bid, and before the construction began, the railroad changed the limits and now requires pollution control insurance.

In other notes, Engineer Beckman said that sub-contractor Goecknor will be working on the street and alleys next week.

#### PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS

Superintendent Durbin told the council the Cedar Street lift station has stopped working and to repair it would be very costly. Durbin explained that both pumps are 21+ years old, and to purchase two (2) pumps would be \$15,943.55. Durbin said the public works department has been checking the lift station daily, and the Scada system will call the supervisor phone within two (2) minutes of a problem. Commissioner Helm made a motion to purchase two (2) pumps in the amount of \$15,943.55. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, Edwards, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

#### SMITHENRY TRENCHING INC. QUOTE

Engineer Beckman said that a sub-contractor has submitted a quote for work at the wastewater treatment plant. Beckman said that he has requested additional information.

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### **PAY REQEUST 5B**

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$55,685.81. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### **PAY REQUEST 6A**

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$9,969.33. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### **PAY REQUEST 4**

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$75,715. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Groves, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### **CHANGE ORDER #4**

Engineer Beckman presented change order #4 for the wastewater treatment plan. Commissioner Groves told the Council his concerns about the change orders and the additional cost for the change orders. Commissioner Hakman agreed that the change orders are excessive. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the change order #4 in the amount of \$12,941.60. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, Commissioner Edwards, and Groves. Motion carried. 3-2.

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

### **2021 MFT PROGRAM**

Commissioner Edwards explained to the Council that the MFT 2021 bill for \$87,665.35 was submitted for payment. After a brief discussion regarding the type of rock used, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$87,665.35. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Helm said the Neoga Fire District and the public works department will be conducting fire flow testing for the next few weeks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Helm, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.