



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
OCTOBR 26, 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 Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Chief of Police Andy Schabbing, Engineer Lee Beckman, Engineer Narendal Patel, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 13, 2020, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Commissioners Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HARTKE

MFT AUDIT

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the Compliance Review covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds for January 2017 through December 2018 has been completed. After reviewing the audit, Mayor Hartke ordered the report to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE RADIOS

Chief Schabbing told the Council that the Cumberland County Sheriff department will be purchasing new digital radios, and our current radios will not communicate with them. Schabbing said that new radios and license fees would cost \$12,657.59. Schabbing explained that the other option would be to hire our own dispatcher which would be extremely more expensive. After a short discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase the radios from Global Technical Systems in the amount of \$12,657.59. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

PAGE -2-

OCTOBER 26, 2020

TIF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

City Clerk Evans gave the council the TIF Policies and Procedures for their review. After no discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the policy and procedures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ELECTION DAY MUNICIPAL HOURS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the IML won their court case against the State of Illinois regarding the mandated holiday for election day. Evans said that she wanted them to clarify if they still wanted the office closed on election day or to keep the office open. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to keep the municipal offices open on election day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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 \$97,816.89. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

ORDINANCE #988-11-20 An Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021.

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the ordinance is for their review and will be presented at the November meeting for passage.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

2020 CMOM REPORT

Engineer Narendra Patel presented to the Council the 2020 CMOM Report. Mr. Patel explained the report to the council and said Superintendent Durbin has kept great records of issues that have come up. After no questions were asked by the Council, Mr. Patel said that he will forward a copy of the completed report to IEPA for their records.

2020 PROJECT REPORTS

Engineer Beckman discussed the ongoing projects and grants for the city. Beckman said that the Brighton / Rt.#45 Drainage project is 99% complete, and the RLF

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

PAGE -3-

OCTOBER 26, 2020

preconstruction meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 1:30. Beckman also thought the ITEP and CDAP grants look very favorable to be funded.

COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

City Clerk Evans gave the council a tentative schedule for the community center gym to see if that is how they wanted to use the facility. After reviewing the schedule, it was the consensus of the council to proceed with having the Panther Traveling League and the Chief's use the gym during the allotted time.

PAY REQUEST #24184 FOR SEWER PLANT

After reviewing the request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST #24117 FOR RLF PROJECT

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,810.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Edwards, Helm, Groves, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

PAY REQUEST #24111 FOR KEPP AVENUE

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$4,562.39. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Helm, Groves, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FOR RT. #45 DRAINAGE

The council reviewed the pay request from Darad Construction for the work performed. After the Council discussed the project, Mayor Hartke told the Council that the work has not been completed to everyone's satisfaction. Commissioner Edwards agreed, and said that he would not recommend paying the requests. No motion was given.

RESOLUTION #12-10-20 A Resolution of Funding Support for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program – Cycle 14 Grant Project

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

PAGE -4-

OCTOBER 26, 2020

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Helm made a motion to go into executive session at 7:44 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, & performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Groves, Hakman, Edwards, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 7:58 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Edwards, Groves, Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Hakman, Edwards, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date