



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
SEPTEMBER 27, 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. Commissioner Edwards and Groves was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Building Inspector Morrison, Engineer Lee Beckman, and Neoga News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from September 13, 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

GENERATOR SERVICE AGREEMENT

City Administrator / Clerk Evans informed the Council that the city generators have not had service in over a year, and she presented two quotes from local electrical companies as follows:

D & M Electrical	\$2,600
Pals Electric	\$3,000

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to have D & M Electrical to service all four (4) city generators in the amount of \$2,600. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

ORDINANCE #1019-09-21 An Ordinance Authorizing Grant of Easement

The Council reviewed the ordinance authorizing a utility easement to AmerenCIPS at Walk Subdivision First Addition. Commissioner Hakman made a motion to accept the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Helm seconded by the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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TIF DISTRIBUTION/ALLOCATION

City Administrator / Clerk Evans asked the Council to give her guidance on the percentage of TIF funds allocated. The Council explained that the top five (5) areas would be new commercial development, I-57 interchange, downtown, Community Center and infrastructure. Commissioner Hakman said that increasing the EAV will increase the TIF dollars which might increase jobs with new businesses.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$161,373.94. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER HAKMAN

PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the Council on the following projects:

Sewer Plant – substantial completion date is December 3, 2021.

Brighton Cabinets – the contractor plans to regrade the ditch this week.

CDAP Water Grant – Application was submitted August 3rd and hopefully grant awards in December 2021.

ITEP – Joint agreement has been sent to Springfield and may take six (6) months to receive back. Once received, work can begin but not before.

RLF & State Grant – Pay estimate 5B for \$55,685.81 will be presented for payment.

GENERATOR CHANGEOVER

Engineer Beckman informed the Council that the generator at the wastewater treatment plant needs to be “changed over” to higher electrical service. Beckman presented two estimates as follows:

D & M Electric	\$3,353.05
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Pals Electric	\$5,077.00
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After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hakman made a motion to have D & M Electric do the work in the amount of \$3,353.05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

TRACTOR REPAIRS

City Administrator / Clerk Evans gave the council the estimate to repair the old tractor in the amount of \$20,159.79. After a few questions, it was the consensus of the Council to have Superintendent Durbin attend the next meeting to discuss.

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ITEP DESIGN AGREEMENT

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

ITEP CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

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

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER HELM

Commissioner Helm told the Council that the public works employees are still treating for mosquitoes and should finish up at the end of October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Lindley, owner of 595 Chestnut Avenue, told the council that he purchased the building, along with the old Shorts building in the 600 block of Chestnut, to bring a couple small businesses to the area; however, it didn't work as he had planned. Lindley said he was served papers stating that the buildings were in violation of the City Code, and he received summoned to be at court on September 28th. Lindley asked for additional time to correct any issues instead of attending court. After a very lengthy discussion with pictures being reviewed, the council decided to move into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hakman made a motion to go into executive session at 8:16 p.m. for Litigation – Section 2 (c)(11) Pending, probable or imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helm. Ayes, Commissioner Hakman, Helm, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 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.

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Mayor Hartke will give the City Attorney guidance on the ordinance violation regarding Mr. Lindley. Commissioner Hakman said that it is imperative to clean the community up and continue to work on the most visible areas first.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Helm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hakman. Ayes, Commissioner Helm, Hakman, and Mayor Hartke. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk