



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
AUGUST 11, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Helm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Tom Strohl, and Mel Workman.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from July 28, 2025, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Commissioner Letizia abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tom Strohl thanked the council for addressing the concerns he had previously raised. Mr. Strohl said that he has the following concerns that he would like the council to review:

- Handicap parking at public buildings. Strohl said that there is one handicap parking space at the Neoga Community Center, but it is in the rock area. He explained that the Disability Act was enacted in 1990, and said the city should have designated handicap parking after 35 years.
- School will start this week, and the council should discuss e-bikes and scooters on sidewalks. Mr. Strohl said that he and his wife were almost hit from behind by one.
- There is a trip hazard on the sidewalk from Shaffer to the school on 7th Street. It appears there is a short pipe that someone could step off and break an ankle or leg.
- There are mosquitoes on Grove Avenue due to the ditch.
- Asked why the public works department is not mowing the shoulders by the old city park.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

ORDINANCE 1119-08-2025

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to
Lease Agreement (Toters, Inc.)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Letizia made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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ORDINANCE 1120-08-25 An Ordinance Implementing a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax for the City of Neoga

Commissioner Williams asked for additional information on this ordinance and what the tax would be on. Evans explained that the tax would be on services like tire rotations, or auto work. Williams also asked about the "occupational tax". Evans said she wasn't sure about that but could get additional information at the next meeting. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table this ordinance until clarification was received.

ORDINANCE 1121-08-2025 An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Neoga, Illinois

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, Commissioner Letizia, and Williams.

ORDINANCE 1122-08-2025 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property (2008 Dodge Charger)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Letizia made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. motion carried. 5-0.

APPRAISING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Schabbing informed the council that this appraisal would not be needed at this time.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABGING

TREASURERS REPORT

Commissioner Schabbing said she didn't see anything concerning in the report. City Treasurer Foor said that the report does show the first installment from property taxes, so those balances look really good right now. With no other comments, Mayor Helm ordered that the treasurer's report be filed in the City Clerk's records.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR IDOT UTILITY REPLACEMENT

After reviewing the agreement, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC to engineer the moving of the water line at the I-57 & Rt. 45 interchange. Commissioner Letizia seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. motion carried. 5-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

BOOM MOWING INVOICE

Commissioner Edwards explained that Hamilton Land Management has completed the boom mowing around town. Commissioner Letizia made a motion to pay the invoice for \$7,850. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

Commissioner Williams informed the city that the railroad crossing on 7th Street has been completed and is now open for traffic; however, the crossing lights will not be installed for a few months.

In other items, Commissioner Williams asked that the handrail at the Municipal Building be secured, and strobe lights installed on the bucket truck.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Letizia made a motion to move into executive session at 7:33 p.m. for – Section 2 (c)(6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease by the public body. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 7:41 p.m. Those present for roll call were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.