



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
DECEMBER 8, 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, and Mayor Helm. Commissioner Letizia was absent. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Durbin, News Editor Billie Chambers, Mike Vonderheide, and Connie Vonderheide.

## **OMNIBUS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Helm read the consent agenda of:

- Minutes of Regular Session Meeting from November 24, 2025
- Treasurer's Report
- City Administrator / Clerk Report
- Chief Schabbing Monthly Report
- Superintendent Durbin Monthly Report
- Ordinance No. 1128-12-2025 An Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the City of Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2026

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Helm read the consent agenda and asked if anyone wanted to remove anything from the agenda. With no objection to the agenda, Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were heard.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM**

### MIKE & CONNIE VONDERHEIDE TIF APPLICATION

The council discussed the TIF application that was submitted by property owners Mike and Connie Vonderheide. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve a contract to

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be written up authorizing \$14,602.40 for the TIF project. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABHING**

No report was given.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA**

### **WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT CHANGE ORDER #4**

The Council reviewed the change order #4. City Administrator / Clerk Evans explained that the change order decreased the project by \$20,390.72. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve change order #4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **ORDINANCE #1129-12-2025**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Damon Potter – Cash Rent Farm Lease)

The council reviewed the ordinance and agreed to move it to the next consent agenda.

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

Commissioner Edwards thanked the Public Works department for doing a great job during the snowstorm that came in during the holiday weekend. Edwards said the roads look very good.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS**

Commissioner Williams seconded what Commissioner Edwards said about the roads and thanked the public works department as well.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to move into executive session at 7:14 p.m. for – Personnel Section 2 (c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:58 p.m. Those present for roll call were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm.

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Commissioner Edwards made a motion to give full-time employees a \$400 bonus, part-time employees \$75, and Zoning Board members \$25. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk