



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
NOVEMBER 24, 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, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Billie Chambers, Lee Beckman, Michael Noble, Dylan Fitzgerald, Jeremy Shores, Mike Vonderheide, and Connie Vonderheide.

## **OMNIBUS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Helm read the consent agenda of:

- Minutes of Regular Session Minutes from November 10, 2025 – Approve
- Minutes of Executive Session Minutes from November 10, 2025 - Approve
- Ordinance No. 1125-11-2025 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Strong Beginnings) - Pass
- Ordinance No. 1126-11-2025 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Neoga Community Food Pantry) - Pass
- Ordinance No. 1127-11-2025 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement (Grace United Methodist Church, Neoga Backpack Ministries) – Pass
- Resolution No. 04-11-25 Resolution of the City Council of the City of Neoga, Illinois, Establishing a Schedule of Meetings for the Council and the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning - Adopt
- Payment of the Presented Bill List – Total \$61,489.33

With no objection to the agenda, Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were heard.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM**

### SEALED BIDS FOR 565 LOCUST AVENUE

Mayor Helm opened the sealed bids for 565 Locust Avenue. The bids were as follows:

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Workman Real Estate Holdings	\$2,000
Dylan Mason	\$1,500

After no discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion to award the bid to Workman Real Estate Holdings, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

### **PURCHASE OF SONIC WALL**

The council reviewed a quote from SDS for a new Sonic Wall. Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to purchase the new sonic wall for \$2,150 that included a three (3) year contract. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABHING**

**ORDINANCE #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

City Clerk Evans explained that Ordinance #1128-12-2025 was for their review and would be presented at the next meeting. Evans explained that the proposed tax levy was at the maximum rate of 5% to capture any new construction.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA**

### **UPDATES FROM MILANO & GRUNLOH**

Lee Beckman updated the council on the current projects as follows:

Sewer plant – no change

CDAP Water Grant – The contractor is 90% complete with the project and Pay Estimate 7 will be presented for approval.

ITEP – no change.

RLF & State Grant Project – no change.

Rebuild IL/RISE Grant – no change.

Community Facilities Grant – no change

IDOT – This was announced and not successful.

Street and Alley Resurfacing – a pre-construction conference was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the contractor plans to start this week.

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City Hall parking lot – the low bidder was Esker and Walker at \$65,488.64. They plan to do the work in the spring.

Watermain Relocation – still working on the plans for the water main relocation at the interchange. The lowest bidder was Kieffer Bros. Construction at \$192,848.04.

### **PAY ESTIMATE #7 FOR WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

After review, Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to pay estimate #7 for \$91,721.46 for the watermain replacement project. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

### **MILANO & GRUNLOH INVOICE #32265**

The Council reviewed invoice #32265, which included miscellaneous services. Commissioner Williams made a motion to pay the \$8,551.25 invoice. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

Police Chief Schabbing discussed with the council the need to remodel the police department. Schabbing presented the designs from the previous year. It was the consensus of the council to proceed with new cost estimates.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (C)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, and compensation at 7:23. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:36 p.m. Those present for roll call were Commissioners Schabbing, Letizia, and Mayor Helm.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk