



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JANUARY 12, 2026**

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, Superintendent Durbin, Police Chief Schabbing, Billie Chambers, John Spour, and Lacy Spour.

OMNIBUS / CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Helm read the consent agenda of:

- Minutes of Regular Session Minutes from December 23, 2025 - Approve
- Minutes of Executive Session Minutes from December 23, 2025 – Approve
- Treasurer’s Report – Received and Filed
- City Administrator / Clerk Report – Received and filed
- Chief Schabbing Monthly Report – Received and filed
- Superintendent Durbin Monthly Report – Received and filed

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 Letizia. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were heard.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

COVENANTS AT WALK SUBDIVISION FIRST ADDITION

City Administrator / Clerk told the council that the covenants at Walk Subdivision First Addition state that there cannot be any prebuilt homes, pre-engineered homes, modular homes, or other non stick-built homes. The city has received two offers, one to place a modular home on a lot and one to place a duplex on a lot. Toters, Inc. owners were there to answer any questions that the council may have about modular homes. Mr. and Mrs. Spour explained that one offer was from their brother, and he was planning to place a modular home on it. The planned modular will be a 1500 sq. ft. ranch-style home on a foundation. Commissioner Williams made a motion to allow a modular home in the Walk Subdivision First Addition. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, Commissioner Schabbing, and Letizia. Motion carried. 3-2.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE

The Council reviewed a proposed ordinance amending Article 14, which would define keeping animals other than domesticated pets, and list the animals prohibited within corporate limits. Commissioner Letizia made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Motion carried. 3-2.

ORDINANCE TO SELL EXCESS EQUIPMENT

Police Chief Schabbing asked the Council about selling two guns. The Chief said that he would receive \$200 for the Sig P220 and \$275 for the Glock. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance to sell the excess guns. Commissioner Letizia seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE

City Administrator / Clerk Evans informed the council that the Neoga Booster Club has requested a special event liquor license for the Music Bingo fundraiser. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the special event license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letizia. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA DAYS SPONSORSHIP

The council reviewed a request to sponsor this year's Neoga Days. Commissioner Letizia made a motion to donate \$500 to Neoga Days. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1131-01-2026

An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements thereon as being Dangerous and Unsafe (631 Elm Avenue)

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Letizia made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, Commissioner Schabbing. Motion carried. 4-1.

AWARDING BID FOR 747 MAPLE AVENUE

Mayor Helm opened one bid for the property located at 747 Maple Avenue. The only bid was from Workman Real Estate Holding in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Letizia made the motion to award the bid to Workman Real Estate Holding in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABBING

ELECTRIC AT NCC

City Administrator / Clerk gave the council a spreadsheet of the electricity being used by Modern Family Dinners. This information was being used to see what percentage was from the business compared to the remaining building.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA

CDBG SEWER LINING GRANT

City Administrator / Clerk informed the council that the city received word that the grant was approved to line sewer lines in a portion of the city.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

Commissioner Edwards didn't have anything to report.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

Commissioner Williams didn't have anything to report.

Police Chief Schabbing informed the council that Officer Fitzgerald is in his second week of training, and his reports have been good so far.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk